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1 in 5 out of draft poll rolls in UP after first phase SIR

2.89 crore deletions; voter count down by 18.7% compared to 2025

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

ABOUT one in five voters in Uttar Pradesh found their names deleted in the draft electoral rolls published on Tuesday as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

In all, names of 2.89 crore voters stood deleted from the list of 15.44 crore electors in the politically sensitive state as on October 27 last year.

The draft list cut the voter count by as much as 18.7%. The deletions included around 46.23 lakh of the deceased (2.99%), shifted 2.17 crore (14.06%) and duplicate voters 25.46 lakh (1.65%).

The final electoral list will be published on March 6.

The Election Commission of India said genuine electors from can still be added back in the electoral roll during the claims and objection period (06-01-2026 to 06-02-2026) by filling up Form 6 along with the declaration form and other relevant documents.

The poll body recently concluded the first phase of SIR in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, where the electoral roll deletions were 97 lakh and 74 lakh voters, respectively.

While the first phase was originally scheduled to end on December 11, the state sought 15 days more after noticing that the names of a large number of voters, nearly 2.97 crore, were

FIGURE IT OUT	
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12.55 crore (81.30%)	
TOTAL DELETIONS 2.89 CRORE (18.7%)	

getting excluded from the draft list. The poll body then extended the enumeration phase till December 26.

The officials said, December 31 was initially fixed as the publication date of the draft roll, but parallel fieldwork and ECI instructions to rationalise polling stations led to a delay. "The Commission has capped voters per polling station at 1,200 instead of the earlier 1,500. To meet this requirement, around 15,030 new polling stations were created across the state," a senior ECI official said, adding that it was approved on December 23.

It then took about a week for the data to be migrated to online servers. Six more days were sought and the draft roll was published on January 6.

'Art 324 grants ECI control over poll roll'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has the power and competence to undertake Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, the poll panel told the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Besides, it argued, there is a constitutional duty to ensure only Indian citizens are registered as voters.

Appearing for the ECI, senior lawyer Rakesh Dwivedi told a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi that Articles 324 and 327 of the Constitution separately give the Commission "control of the preparation of the electoral rolls".

"Citizenship is at the core of the electoral exercise. The EC has the power to check," Dwivedi argued.

The arguments were made during the hearing of a batch of pleas challenging ECI's power to conduct SIR. The petitioners claimed only the Centre has the power to do the exercise.

The arguments were inconclusive on Tuesday and would continue on Wednesday.

Don says Modi not that happy with him

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

A day after US President Donald Trump threatened to raise tariffs if India continues to buy Russian oil, Reliance Industries on Tuesday denied a Bloomberg report that claimed that it continues to import crude oil from Russia.

Hours later, Trump said his tariff action on India seems to

be working though it may have strained ties. "He (PM Modi) is not that happy with me because they're paying a lot of tariffs now because they're not doing the oil but they are... they've now reduced it very substantially, as you know, from Russia," Trump said.

A day ago, Trump had said "Modi knew I was not happy" with India's trade with Russia,

threatening to raise tariffs on New Delhi "very quickly".

RIL stated, "A news report in Bloomberg claiming 'three vessels laden with Russian oil are heading for Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery' is blatantly untrue." The report had cited oil-tracking firm Kpler to claim three tankers carrying 2.2m barrels of Russia's crude were headed to Jamnagar.

Express Read

Confident of completing full term, says Siddu
MYSURU: Siddaramaiah, who has become the state's longest-serving CM, expressed confidence that he will complete full term, even as he said the final decision rests with Congress top brass | P4

Stampede: CBI summons Vijay for questioning

NEW DELHI: The CBI has summoned TVK leader and actor Vijay, asking him to appear for questioning in the Karur stampede case, in which 41 people died in September last year | P7

Hoax bomb threats target K'taka cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

VARIOUS courts across Karnataka, including the High Court bench in Mysuru, Gadag and Bagalkot were put on high alert after receiving emails warning of bomb explosions inside the court premises on Tuesday morning.

In Bengaluru, Regional Passport Office located at Koramangala received a similar threat email. The threats, however, turned out to be a hoax.

In Dharwad, court proceed-



People gather outside the old court premises following a hoax bomb email, in Mysuru on Tuesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

ings were resumed after police and bomb squad sanitized the campus in a three-hour-long in-

spection. The email had warned of an explosion around 1.55 pm in the court premises. Police Superintendent Gunjan Arya said the threat was a hoax.

At the Mysuru District Court, an email was received around 10.30 am at the office of the Mysuru Principal and District Judge, Usha Rani, warning of three blasts between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm, targeting both court complexes—one on Krishnaraja Boulevard and the main court complex at Malalavadi in Kuvempunagar—triggering anxiety across the premises. **CONTINUED ON P4**

ISL dribbles past 'paywall' to set February 14 date

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

AFTER months of uncertainty, the Indian Super League (ISL) is back on track and this time it seems to be with purpose. This was possible after a meeting between sports ministry, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and representatives of

clubs on Tuesday.

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya was quite clear during the meeting with the clubs that the league has to take place and they have to cooperate. He also said that because of Supreme Court intervention, there were impediments but AIFF has found a way to resolve

the crisis. ISL will begin on February 14 and will run until June 15. There will be 91 matches and they will be played on home and away basis.

The ISL that was supposed to begin in October was delayed after FSDL, the commercial arm of the AIFF that runs the league did not want to continue

with the contract in its existing form especially paying an annual fee of Rs 50 crore to AIFF.

Mandaviya told the clubs and AIFF they may not have a commercial partner but they should not worry about media rights either. He told the clubs that he would request Doordarshan to air matches live. **P19**



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ



ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಹಾಗೂ
ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ

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ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ



ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು



ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಪಿ. ನಡ್ಡಾ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವರು

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ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಹ್ಲಾದ್ ಜ್ಯೋಷಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಹಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳು, ಆಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ವಿತರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೊಸ ಮತ್ತು ನವೀಕರಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಇಂಧನ ಖಾತೆ ಸಚಿವರು

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ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಾನಪ್ಪ ಲಮಾಣಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪ ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಾಸಕರು ಹಾವೇರಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ



ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜವಳಿ, ಕಬ್ಬು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಸಕ್ಕರೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಕೃಷಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಎಸ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ ಮತ್ತು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವ ಶ್ರೀ ಡಾ. ಶರಣ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಪಾಟೀಲ, ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪ ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಶ್ರೀ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಾನಪ್ಪ ಲಮಾಣಿ ಅವರು ಹಾವೇರಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು.



ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮಯ್ಯ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು



ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ ಕೆ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳು

ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಎಸ್ ಪಾಟೀಲ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜವಳಿ, ಕಬ್ಬು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕೃಷಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಾ. ಶರಣ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಪಾಟೀಲ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವರು

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ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಚಿವರು

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಎಸ್. ಹೊರಟ್ಟಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಲೋಕ ಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಜಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಸ್ಥಳ: ಹಾವೇರಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ದೇವಗಿರಿ-ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ, ಹಾವೇರಿ. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.01.2026, ಬುಧವಾರ, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆ

UDD relaxes setbacks for smaller plots in Bengaluru

Revised RMP 2015, GBA norms come into effect for residential bldgs

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THE Urban Development Department (UDD) has relaxed setback rules for residential buildings on plots measuring up to 4,000 square meters. In the updated rules, setback requirements are restructured based on the plot size.

For small plots measuring 60 sqm (645 sqft), the UDD has reduced mandatory setbacks, fixing the front setback at 0.7m and completely removing rear setback, while mandating 0.6m setback on the left and right sides. The maximum permissible building height for plots up to 250sqm is capped at 12m, excluding the still floor.

In the final notification dated January 5, UDD has amended Zonal Regulations of the Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2015



for Bengaluru and Greater Bengaluru (Amendment) Regulations 2025, and the updated regulations would apply to all existing buildings which have proposals for modification and all new constructions, including ongoing ones for which plan approvals are to be granted.

For site area above 60sqm up to 150sqm (1,614sqft), the setbacks would be 0.9m in front, 0.7m on rear and 0.7m on left and right side. For site areas above 150sqm up to 250sqm (2691sqft),

there are no changes with 1m setback in front side and 0.8m on the rear; left and right sides.

The final notification said an open staircase can be allowed in the setback area in plot size up to 750sqm. "For buildings with a height of 15 meters and above, up to a maximum height of 21 meters (including stilt), the provisions of the National Building Code pertaining to Fire and Life Safety shall be strictly adhered to. The setback area shall not be paved or covered by any hard surface which prevents percolation of rainwater; as far as possible," the notification read, adding that the regulations would come into immediate effect.

For plot area above 4,000sqm (43,055 sqft), a minimum setback of 5m on all sides shall be insisted on, according to the notification.



LAKE FACELIFT

Development work in progress at Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The lake is set for revamp at an estimated budget of Rs 82 crore which includes an open air theatre, shaded walkways and landscaping | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Brace yourselves, 11 major roads in S B'luru to be white-topped at ₹94cr

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

SOUTH Bengalureans will have to brace themselves for road closures, road digging and traffic diversions as 11 major roads will be taken up for white topping soon. Major roads in BTM Layout, Jayanagar and Padmanabhanagar assembly constituencies will be selected for white topping. Along with white topping, footpaths would also be taken up for comprehensive development at a total cost of Rs 94.62 crore.

The works are expected to be completed in 11 months, after the contracts are awarded. GBA Special Purpose Vehicle Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-Smile) has invited tenders for the white-topping and footpath development in these constituencies.

The tender process is under way, and bids were opened on



December 24 last year. The last date to submit bids was January 2, and the technical bids were opened on January 3. Those who qualify the technical bids will be allowed to participate in the financial bid. The major roads that would be taken up for white topping are not announced. B-Smile sources said one of the major challenges in white-topping main roads is they have to get prior permission from the traffic

department. "When major roads are taken up for overhaul, getting traffic clearances is an uphill task. First, the traffic department takes into consideration the traffic on the road and has to plan for alternative roads to divert traffic into other nearby roads. Once we get their nod, other challenges would be to shift the utilities – Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's water and sanitary lines, Bescom and others," source said.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, said to provide long-lasting, pothole-free roads, over 500km of roads in the city would be white-topped at an estimated cost of Rs 1,700 crore, in a span of three years.

Department takes into consideration the traffic and has to plan for alternative roads. Once we get the nod, other challenges would be to shift the utilities, BWSSB's water, Bescom Sources

DCM to BDA: Change your style of functioning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Tuesday launched a week-long training programme for its staff on administrative reforms and public grievance redressal.

Inaugurating it, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the government is committed to making BDA more citizen-centric. He urged BDA staff to change their style of functioning and shed the perception of being associated with real estate deals and brokerage. Noting that BDA will complete its 50th year of inception on January 17, he said transformation must begin with the golden jubilee celebrations. He said, "Even the most intelligent should keep learning. We have moved from calculators to computers and now to Artificial Intelligence. Even land surveys can now be done through drones."

Shivakumar said that it took him six months to understand office malpractices through in-

telligence inputs. "That is why I have decided to digitise and scan all records. A small section of the employees may be uncomfortable, but it is giving the entire BDA a bad name," he said. Calling BDA and GBA the real face of Bengaluru, he said discipline, integrity and solution-oriented attitude are essential for the employees to make Bengaluru a global city. He said to mark the golden jubilee of BDA, the government intends to leave a lasting institutional legacy by ensuring transparency.

Referring to Bengaluru's unplanned growth, he said the government has a plan to start a town-planning college in the city. Better urban planning is needed across Karnataka. On the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, he said the delay in land acquisition led to cost escalation. The government has offered compensation options to landowners. "During my tenure as Bengaluru Development Minister, not even an inch of notified land for PRR will be denotified," he said.



DCM DK Shivakumar and BDA Chairman N A Haris at Jnana Jyoti Auditorium in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

07th January: Cosmic Conjunction, the Sequel Yesterday, Venus was in conjunction with the sun, and now Mars gets the attention. We're reminded that we don't always get to choose who we're around, which is why when we do have a choice, we should take advantage of it. Today, the company will be more important than the circumstance. Better to weather the storm with a friend than bask in the sunshine with an enemy.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Your recollection may not be 100% factual, but that's just the nature of memory in general. At least your recollections will be kind and positive, so happy stories will get better over time and sad stories will lose their sting.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Daunting tasks need doing. They look complicated, but they're usually quicker than they appear, and the psychic lift afterward is delicious. Jump in, get it done and enjoy the freedom that follows.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

If a choice feels impossible, zoom out. Instead of, "Which one is right?" try, "Which one would future-me thank me for?" Decisions get easier when you let identity lead. Your future self has better taste than you think.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Sometimes you just don't trust others to give you the right help, or you fear the hidden costs. Sometimes you simply like doing things alone. You're like a creature whose needs shift with the seasons, and the right care will come.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)

Some of the choices are too big, too hot, too cold, and suddenly, you're in the Goldilocks challenge of doing what's just right. What Goldilocks didn't get right was falling asleep on the job. Don't get too comfortable, and you'll be fine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

Although no one else can stop you, you'll be wise to stop yourself every so often. Take breaks! Good, healthy pacing allows you to avoid the burnout that could prevent you from collecting your prize at the finish line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Your thoughts will move in straight lines, and everything else will support your purposefulness. It's all getting straight to the point now. People will literally step aside because no one dares get between you and your target.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You're hungry for glamour and bright, creative minds to riff with. If the world isn't serving it up, curate your own scene. Throw a gathering, join one or even start a little salon. The vibe you're after is waiting to be conjured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

There's a prize for winning, but honestly, it's not the prize you're after. It may not even be the best reward, as life has a way of doling out "participation prizes" that are more valuable than the big trophy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

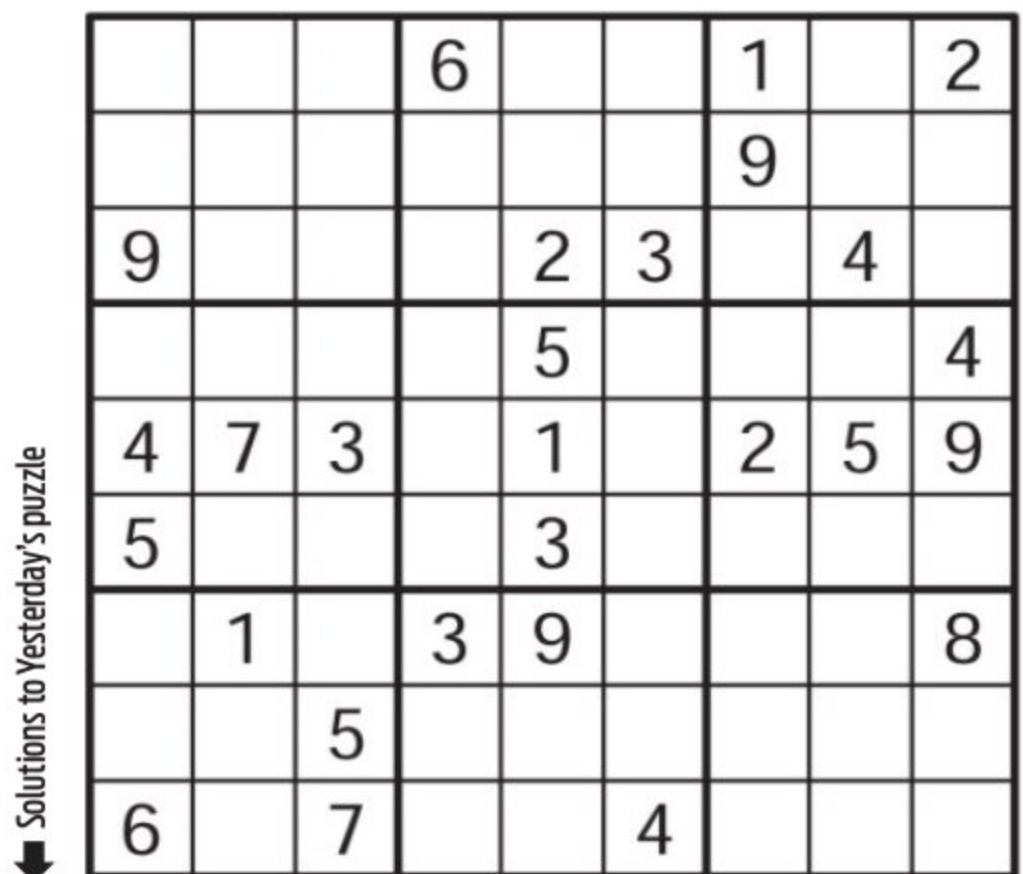
Ideas will click into place for you, giving you a future you're excited about. The vibe is "totally doable." Wrap one project and the support for the next pops up automatically, like the system is refreshing itself for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You'll be made aware that you're not where you want to be in terms of performance. Maybe it's good enough for the others on your team, but you think you can do better, so it's not good enough for you. Keep putting in the practice. You'll get there.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

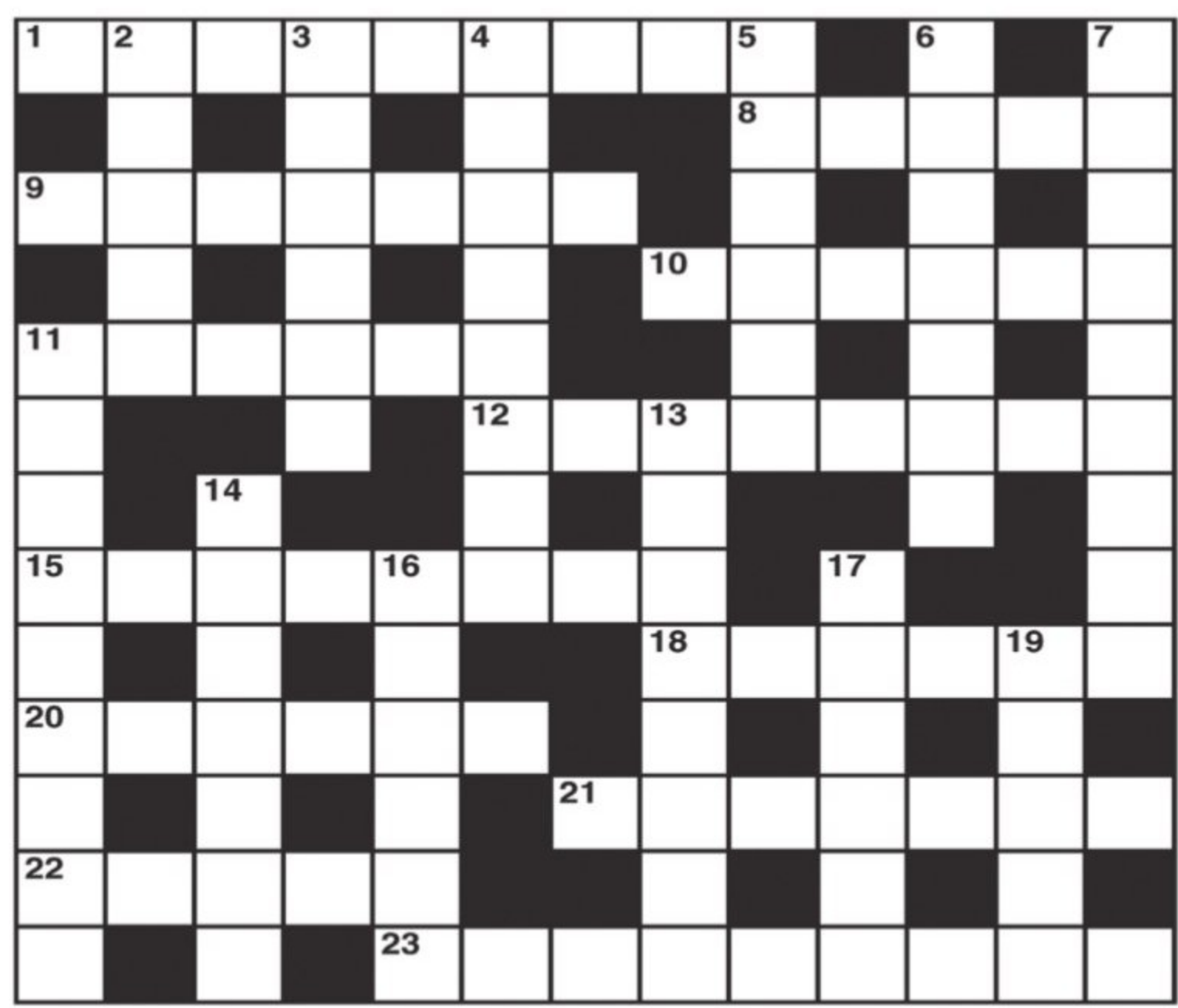
You contain multitudes, but multitudes can't be taken in all at once. Offer one thread of yourself today. It invites people in instead of leaving them unsure where to begin.



SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Hard work for a coach (9)
- Teacher involved in Arab bicentenary event (5)
- Sort of roll made with herb and an American stuffing (7)
- One may willingly leave this housing development (6)
- Go flat out arranging a tenancy to rent (3,3)
- Jewish father (7)
- Not very bright but in charge of the players (8)
- A woman's resignation? (8)
- Grubby residence (6)
- Have prospects? (6)
- Books of record I'd take back to sign (7)
- The umpire is hesitant to pass the matter on (5)
- Old flame on a single charge is free from blame (9)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Excited, 4 Dower, 7 Dent, 8 Presages, 10 Despicable, 12 Sheets, 13 Scarve, 15 Carthorses, 18 Apostles, 19 Idea, 20 Trend, 21 Trotsky.

DOWN

- I am a long time getting the likeness (5)
- Introduce one with stern disposition (6)
- One's used to get cracking at breakfast (3,5)
- One is often led to use it by mistake (6)
- Jewish father (7)
- Instruction on course to be taken (9)
- When women propose to break with tradition (4,5)
- A time when the populace is at cross purposes? (8)
- Break one's journey and don't go on (4,3)
- Sergeant comes in before the repeat performance (6)
- Does he play for scratch teams? (6)
- It's open past the start (5)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

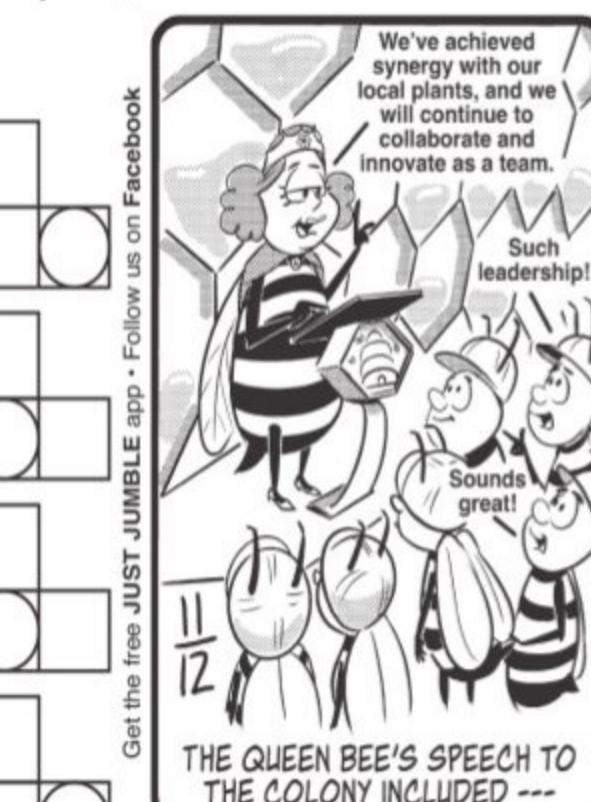


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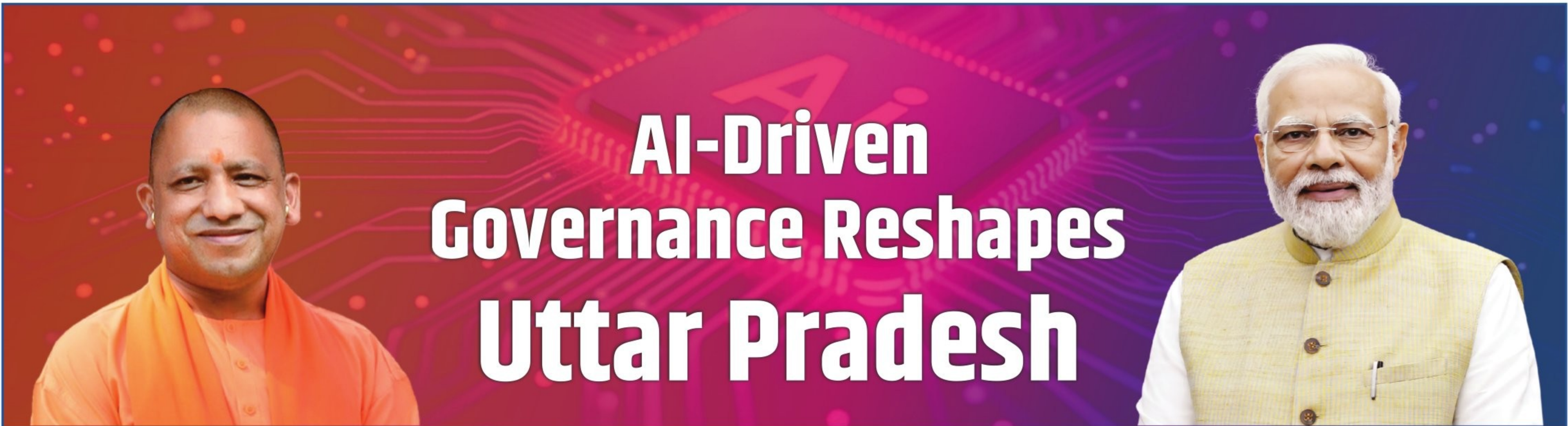
YUMMY ALBUM BREEZY INVITE

The grizzly packed lightly for his trip because he wanted to take the — "BEAR" MINIMUM



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)



Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath’s decisive leadership, Uttar Pradesh is charting a new path in India’s technological journey. By placing Artificial Intelligence at the core of governance, the state is setting new benchmarks in efficiency, transparency, and innovation. From healthcare and education to agriculture and public safety, AI-driven solutions are reshaping governance and reinforcing Uttar Pradesh’s emergence as a model state for the digital age.

Lucknow AI City: The Emerging Nerve Centre of AI-Driven Governance

Lucknow is rapidly transforming into a next-generation AI City, anchoring Uttar Pradesh’s vision of technology-enabled governance and innovation. Backed by strong policy support under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the city is witnessing major investments in AI-ready digital infrastructure.

- Sify Technologies’ AI Edge Data Centre in Lucknow is nearing completion, with plans for a large hyperscale AI campus to support advanced AI workloads, cloud computing and data-driven governance.
- The AI City will enable transformative solutions across public administration, healthcare, education and smart city initiatives, strengthening technology-led governance.
- Integrated with Sify’s national fibre network, the AI City will offer high-speed, low-latency connectivity, ideal for large-scale AI and data applications.
- Located near academic institutions and administrative hubs, Lucknow AI City will generate high-value employment and skill-building opportunities for local youth, setting a benchmark for AI-led good governance.

Noida AI City: India’s AI Powerhouse for Industry and Innovation

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has adopted a strong AI-driven development approach, positioning Noida as a fully integrated AI City at the forefront of India’s artificial intelligence revolution. Enabled by proactive policies, robust digital infrastructure and ease of doing business, Noida is emerging as a preferred destination for global technology companies and advanced AI investments.

- **AI Data Centre Hub:** Noida is home to North India’s largest AI data centre campus, **Noida-02**, developed by Sify Technologies, making the city a key hub for hyperscale computing and enterprise AI solutions.
- **Green & Scalable Infrastructure:** Sify’s green hyperscale data centre, **Noida-01**, already serves over 100 global enterprise, government and hyperscale clients, with plans for an additional AI campus to meet growing demand.
- **Global Technology Partnerships:** Strategic collaborations with global leaders such as **Google, Meta and Oracle** are strengthening Noida’s international technology footprint and AI ecosystem.
- **IT & Innovation Ecosystem:** Supported by HCLTech’s global headquarters and major IT campuses, Noida AI City is driving innovation in governance automation, smart manufacturing and digital public services, reinforcing Uttar Pradesh’s status as a global technology destination.

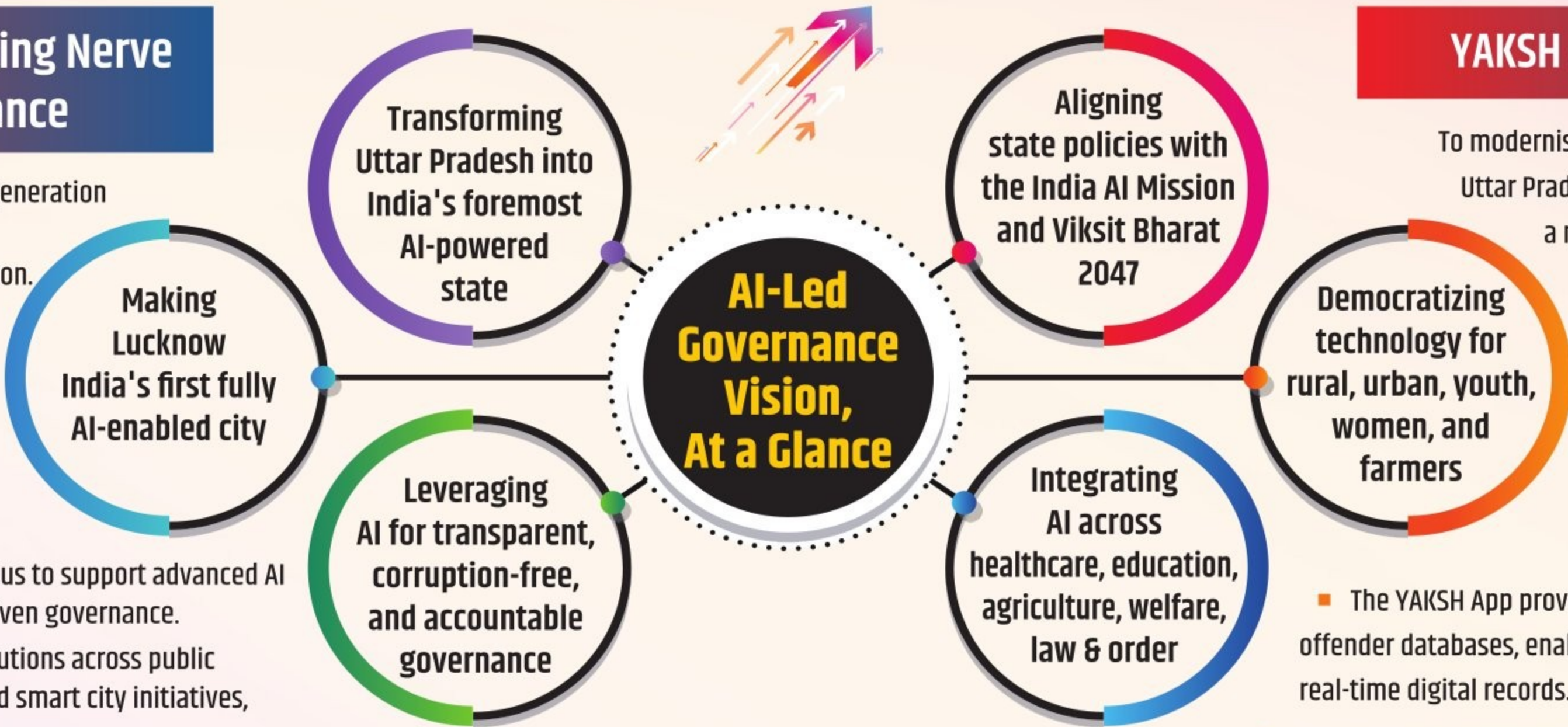
AI in Healthcare

Uttar Pradesh Government is leveraging artificial intelligence to strengthen healthcare delivery, improve early diagnosis and build a future-ready medical ecosystem.

- Uttar Pradesh has established **India’s first AI-based breast cancer screening centre in Fatehpur**, enabling early, accurate and accessible diagnosis for women through advanced technology.
- The state is transitioning from **manual health data reporting to AI-driven predictive health analytics**.
- To build skilled human resources, the government has introduced **free AI and cloud computing courses in government medical colleges**, preparing doctors and healthcare professionals for technology-enabled healthcare services.



AI-Driven Governance Reshapes Uttar Pradesh



YAKSH App: AI-Powered Policing

To modernise policing and strengthen public safety, the Uttar Pradesh Government has developed the YAKSH App, a next-generation, AI- and big data-driven digital platform designed to transform traditional beat policing. Created as a digital replacement for the conventional beat book, the app aims to enhance efficiency, accuracy and intelligence-led decision-making at the ground level.

- The YAKSH App provides beat personnel access to station-wise offender databases, enables beat-level verification and maintains real-time digital records.
- By digitising routine policing tasks, the app allows police personnel to focus more on proactive crime prevention and community engagement.
- AI-powered features such as suspect identification, voice-enabled search and gang-link analysis help identify crime patterns, track repeat offenders and dismantle criminal networks.
- This technology-led initiative is transforming policing in Uttar Pradesh, making it smarter, faster and more data-driven while strengthening public trust.



High-Tech Transformation in Agriculture

Uttar Pradesh is transforming its agriculture sector through the integration of artificial intelligence and modern digital technologies. Through the World Bank-supported UP AGREES project, over one million farmers are now connected to AI-based advisory services, enabling smarter decision-making and climate-resilient farming practices. By using satellite imagery, soil analysis, real-time weather forecasting and RFID-based resource tracking, the state is strengthening productivity while ensuring sustainable use of agricultural resources.

Key Outcomes:

- Enhanced crop production through data-driven advisories and precision farming techniques
- Faster forecasting of weather and crop-related risks, enabling timely preventive action
- Optimised use and accurate monitoring of water, fertilizers and agricultural inputs

AI Teacher Training with IIT Kanpur to Build Future-Ready Classrooms

Uttar Pradesh Government continues to place education and skill development at the heart of its AI-driven transformation agenda. In 2025, taking a decisive step towards future-ready learning, the state launched a landmark AI skill development initiative for teachers in collaboration with IIT Kanpur and the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Uttar Pradesh. This initiative aligns with the broader “AI Pragya” programme, aimed at empowering 10 lakh citizens, and reflects the government’s commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology with classroom learning in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

- The **Digital Literacy, Computational Thinking, Coding & AI (DLCCA)** Science Teacher Training Program targets **750 science teachers** selected from all **75 districts of Uttar Pradesh**, drawn from PM SHRI Schools, Upper Primary Schools and Composite Schools.
- The initiative follows a hybrid model with five days of intensive residential training at IIT Kanpur, complemented by structured online sessions for continuous learning and classroom application.
- The curriculum focuses on AI basics, coding, computational thinking and responsible digital pedagogy to enable effective technology integration in teaching.
- Through trained educators, the programme is expected to benefit nearly **75 lakh students of Grades 6–8**, strengthening future-ready education across the state.
- Recently, 10 teachers from Varanasi completed this specialised training at IIT Kanpur to strengthen technology-led education in basic schools, digital public services, reinforcing Uttar Pradesh’s status as a global technology destination.

India’s First AI-Based Road Safety Project

- Uttar Pradesh has launched the country’s first AI-driven road safety project, implemented by mLogica and ITI Limited, marking a major step in tech-enabled governance.
- ₹100 million has been allocated in the 2025–26 budget to modernise road safety, traffic enforcement, and transport services using AI and big data.
- The pilot will analyse accident data, vehicle telematics, road conditions, weather, and driver history to identify high-risk zones and support real-time decision-making.
- The system will later enable e-challans, faceless licences and permits, Vahan–Sarathi integration, fraud detection, and predictive violation alerts.

KAAM DAMDAAR DOUBLE ENGINE SARKAR

● As long as inequality exists in society, I will continue my fight, work for people, says CM ● Devaraj Urs' term was not broken like Siddaramaiah's, says BJP's Siroya

Confident of completing full term, but final decision with brass: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AMID speculation over leadership change in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, who on Tuesday, became the state's longest-serving chief minister, reiterated his confidence that he would complete his full term in office, even as he underlined that the final decision rests with the Congress' central leadership.

Siddaramaiah, who earlier served a full term as CM from 2013 to 2018, is among the few leaders in Karnataka to have completed a full tenure. If he completes a full term this time as well, he will set another record.

Speaking to reporters at his residence in Mysuru on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah said that he was not in politics to break records but to work for the people and continue his fight against social inequality.

The CM said that social inequality is still very much alive and that his struggle would continue until inequality is

eliminated and justice is ensured for all sections. "As long as inequality exists in society, I will continue my fight and continue working for the people," Siddaramaiah said.

He further added that he did not enter politics to break records. "I was not even aware of how many years Devaraj Urs had served as CM. With the blessings of the people, it has become possible to match his record," he said.

When asked about his supporters distributing nati koli palav (country chicken pulao) to mark the occasion, Siddaramaiah said that he was unaware of such celebrations. On whether the upcoming state budget would contain any special announcements, he maintained secrecy. "Wait and watch till the budget is presented," he said in response to queries.

On the recent Ballari firing incident, Siddaramaiah said that he would discuss the matter with Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara.

SHIVAKUMAR WISHES SIDDU 'GOOD LUCK'

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar wished CM Siddaramaiah "good luck" as the latter said he would complete his full term as CM after surpassing former chief minister late Devaraj Urs' record as the longest-serving chief minister on Tuesday. "I wish him all the best and good luck," Shivakumar said, replying to a query on Siddaramaiah expressing confidence that he would complete the full term as CM. Asked if his statement would not create confusion, he said, "You (media) are creating confusion. There is no confusion amongst us." On Siddaramaiah's record, he said, "I pray to god to bestow him with good health, success and an opportunity to serve the people for a long time." On Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy urging the IT department to look into the compensation given to the Ballari violence victim, who was a Congress worker, Shivakumar said, "All departments including the IT department are in Kumaraswamy's pocket." But Shivakumar said he will speak to Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, who is Ballari district in-charge minister, about the compensation.

Mahadevappa says CM's fall would sink Congress, AHINDA communities

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KARNATAKA Social Welfare Minister **Dr HC Mahadevappa** on Tuesday said that any setback to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would have serious consequences for both the Congress and the AHINDA (Kannada acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits) communities.



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Dr HC Mahadevappa, Social Welfare Minister

Speaking in Mysuru on Tuesday, Mahadevappa said it was impossible to imagine the Congress or the state government without Siddaramaiah's leadership.

"Many people keep raising slogans projecting different leaders as the next Chief Minister. Even my name is taken at times. But Dalit organisation leaders are wise... they clearly say Siddaramaiah should continue as Chief Minister, and if there is any change, Dalits should be given an opportunity," Mahadevappa said, stressing that Siddaramaiah

should remain strong till 2028 and complete his full term.

"There is no objection even if he continues for another term," the minister added.

Describing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's personality, Mahadevappa said that the former never valued flattery and believed in a practical outlook on power. "If it stays, it stays; if it goes, it goes that has always been Siddaramaiah's mindset. But that does not mean we should allow him to be sidelined," he said.

"Those who seek power must have a history of struggle, strong character and moral integrity. Power cannot be given just because someone claims influence. Siddaramaiah is a mass leader and an unquestionable leader," he said.

Praising the Chief Minister's political career, Mahadevappa described Siddaramaiah as a leader with a tiger face and a tender heart, adding that he had maintained a clean political life for decades without a single allegation against him.



People greet Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Mysuru on Tuesday | UDAYASHANKAR S

BJP mocks Siddaramaiah's record rule, says pushed K'taka to bad days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE BJP on Tuesday mocked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's longest-serving CM record, saying it's not just about the number of days, but also records have been set in high corruption rates, zero development, more loans, and other issues. Under Siddaramaiah's tenure, corruption is rampant, government schools are shutting down, assaults on women and farmer suicides are increasing, there is high unemployment, and there is appeasement politics, the Karnataka unit of the BJP posted on social media platform 'X'.

"Your (Siddaramaiah's) record is just the number of days as CM. But no achievement. Your (Siddaramaiah's) Tughlaq administration has pushed Karnataka to bad days, which no Kannadiga will ever forget," the BJP said, mentioning the al-

leged scams in MUDA land allotment and in the Valmiki Corporation.

BJP Rajya Sabha member Lahar Singh Siroya said there is a need for fact check. "Devaraj Urs was CM for continuous terms from March 1972 to January 1980. His term was not broken like Siddaramaiah's... Siddaramaiah lost power in 2018 when Congress was defeated in the polls, and he himself had lost his Chamundeshwari seat in Mysuru. It was a saving grace that he had won by a thousand-odd votes in Badami, the other seat he had contested," he said.

Singh also said even when it comes to Urs, he had long years in office because the 1976 elections were postponed by the then PM Indira Gandhi, who had imposed the Emergency and jailed all Opposition leaders. "For a couple of months at

the beginning of 1978 there was President's rule in Karnataka. But still, as CM, Urs had continuous terms. Will Siddaramaiah, on the happy occasion of breaking Urs' record, condemn the Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi? Will he also condemn Indira Gandhi for her anti-democratic actions? Will he also condemn Indira



Gandhi for dislodging Urs, the social justice champion who had actually given her a rebirth in politics? Urs died a sad man by abandoned by all the congressmen who claim him today. Mallikarjun Kharge would know better about this," he said. "I only wish Siddaramaiah and his followers were more modest about his non-achievement. His record does not sadly qualify for even the Limca Book of Records or the Guinness World Records," he added.

HDK: Govt shielding accused; No double post-mortem: Parameshwara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy has accused Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara of covering up the Ballari firing incident in which Congress worker Rajashekhar was killed. Calling it a "murder case", Kumaraswamy alleged serious lapses and manipulation in the post-mortem examination, triggering a sharp political row. Rajashekhar was killed during a firing incident that broke out amid clashes reportedly linked to a dispute over a banner in Ballari.

Kumaraswamy claimed that a "double post-mortem" was conducted on the victim and said his allegations were based on facts and not speculation. Referring to the statement of the Ballari Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) Superintendent, Kumaraswamy said the post-mortem began around 6 pm and lasted for three hours due to multiple injuries on the body. However, he questioned why a second doctor was called in when one doctor could have completed the procedure. He argued that if the intention



was to find the truth, forensic experts should have been involved. Kumaraswamy also alleged that the State Government was making efforts to close the case. He demanded a CBI probe, alleging that the Congress government is shielding the accused.

Rejecting the allegations, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said there was no second post-mortem and that he accepted the doctors' version that the autopsy was conducted only once. "The doctor has clearly said today that there was only one post-mortem, should we take the doctor's version or should we take Kumaraswamy's version?" he said.

He dismissed Kumaraswamy's claims as politically motivated and aimed at creating unnecessary confusion when an investigation is still going on. "This is the third time

I am serving as Home Minister, I know when to take tough decisions, I don't need to take lessons from anyone. If Kumaraswamy as union minister knows what is happening across the nation he should know how excellent Karnataka's law and order situation is as compared to the rest of the country." Speaking to *TOI*, he said, "Everyone knows what happened in Kunitgal and how JDS leaders went around with a kerosene can trying to benefit from a dead body. I am a witness to that."

Parameshwara said an inquiry into the Ballari clashes had been ordered and indicated that the case could be handed over to the CID and that the police was doing its job professionally. He also stated that preliminary reports suggest the fatal bullet was not fired by the police. The Home Minister assured that all details would be made public after the inquiry is completed.

Meanwhile, police have detained three private security guards linked to a supporter of the accused, and the government is considering appointing a special prosecution team.

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday said the recent violence in Ballari was triggered by jealousy over public response to the installation of a Valmiki statue in Ballari, with a Congress fact-finding committee concluding that the incident occurred after a banner was removed in an insulting manner.

Shivakumar said here that the committee had informed the party that some elements, unable to tolerate the popular support for the Valmiki statue, tried to remove the banner which escalated into the unfortunate incident.

"If leaders like Janardhan Reddy or Sriramulu had any objection they could have informed the municipal commissioner, police officials or elected representatives and had it removed officially. Instead, the banner was torn down in a manner that insulted Valmiki," he added.

He said Congress workers later tried to reinstall the banner when the violence broke



Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar visits deceased Congress worker Rajashekhar Reddy's residence in Ballari on Tuesday | EXPRESS

out. "The police acted firmly and took necessary decisions. Arrests have already been made, and actions of private security guards are also under scrutiny," he said.

On demands for Z-category security to former minister and MLA G Janardhan Reddy, he said police security has already been provided to MLAs and MPs. "If Z-category security is required, the Union govern-

ment must extend it. We won't object to it," he said.

Taking strong exception to Union minister HD Kumaraswamy's allegation that the post-mortem on Congress worker Rajashekhar Reddy who died in the firing incident was conducted twice, Shivakumar said, "I spoke to the district medical officer and he said only one postmortem was conducted between 6 am and 8 am. On what

basis is Kumaraswamy saying that two postmortems were done and misleading the state." He said, "Our MLAs are young and emotional, but police officers confirmed that they cooperated with the investigation and did not cross legal limits."

'Party stands with deceased worker's family'

After visiting the residence of deceased Congress worker Rajashekhar Reddy, Shivakumar said the party stood firmly with the bereaved family. On financial assistance or a government job to members of the family, he said such issues will be considered within the legal framework. On FIRs being registered on both sides and only workers being arrested, he said the decision rested with the home minister and police. "Government interference in investigations is not right. Police have the authority to act as required," he said.

On suspending SP Pavan Nejjur within seven hours of assuming charge, Shivakumar said he will not reveal details, but the officer was not in a position to respond when he spoke to him.

Panic in several courts across Karnataka

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THE threat created panic at Mysuru District Court complex, with judges, advocates, court staff and litigants rushing out of the buildings. The police, along with the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad and sniffer dogs, evacuated all 54 court halls and offices in both complexes and sealed the main gates to prevent entry. The police said no suspicious or explosive materials were found during the inspection and the threat was a hoax.

An August 1, 2016, an IED blast occurred at the law courts complex on KR Boulevard, when a cooker bomb was planted in a toilet at the rear of the premises near Chamara-

japuram railway station in Mysuru.

The Gadag District Court received a hoax bomb email at 1.55 pm.

District Superintendent of Police (SP) Rohan Jagadish, said the police inspected the court premises and said the threat was a hoax.

There was panic at the District Court complex in Navanagar in the wake of the hoax bomb email. The email claimed that bombs had been planted at critical locations within the court premises and would go off during the lunch hour. The police inspected the premises and it was declared a hoax.

In all instances the police have registered cases and further investigation is going on.

Potential K'taka-Penang tech collaboration, skill development

BENGALURU: A delegation led by Jagdeep Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister II of Penang, Malaysia, met Karnataka Minister for IT & BT **Priyank Kharge** on Tuesday to explore potential collaboration between the two regions in key technology sectors, including semiconductors, deep technology, space applications, smart cities, and skilling. The discussions focused on identifying complementary strengths. Karnataka showcased its capabilities in software development, research and development, chip design, startups, deep tech, and talent development, while Penang highlighted its expertise in electronics manufacturing, semiconductors, advanced materials, and industrial scale-up. The Penang delegation expressed interest in formalising cooperation through a MoU. Both sides agreed to identify priority areas such as semiconductor and chip design, skilling and talent exchange, deep technology, space applications, and smart cities, and to continue discussions through sustained engagement. Skilling and talent development emerged as a major focus area, particularly in response to Penang's growing demand for advanced semiconductor and integrated circuit design engineers. While Penang has strong capabilities in manufacturing, assembly, and testing, officials noted gaps in chip architecture and next-generation design, areas where Karnataka has a strong talent base.



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Congress is misleading people on VB-G RAM G Act, says Vijayendra

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BJP state president **BY Vijayendra** on Tuesday accused the Congress of misleading people on the VB-G RAM G Act.

Addressing reporters here, he said the NDA government introduced the Act after making changes to several aspects of MGNREGA.

He said MGNREGA was plagued by corruption and failed to contribute to the nation's infrastructure development. Because of this, the Centre introduced the new Act.

"Congress can't tolerate the achievements of the NDA government. Therefore, it has launched a campaign against the VB-G RAM G Act," he alleged.

BJP never disrespected Mahatma Gandhi or Dr BR Ambedkar and will never do so. A statewide campaign will be launched to raise awareness on the VB-G RAM G Act from January 15 to February 28, he said.

Responding to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's claim of becoming the longest-serving chief minister, Vijayendra said that it is his false perception. He criticised the Congress for publishing advertisements claiming that Siddaramaiah broke D Devaraj Urs' record as the longest serving CM. Urs played a key role in reviving Indira Gandhi's political career, yet he was humiliated by the Congress leadership, Vi-

jayendra said and sought to know Siddaramaiah's achievements that could be compared with that of Urs. Urs was elected unopposed, while Siddaramaiah lost from Chamundeshwari constituency in the 2018 Assembly elections. Siddaramaiah became CM because of certain circumstances, he said.

Accusing Siddaramaiah of forgetting the AHINDA ideology after coming to power, he said the alleged irregularities in allotment of sites in Mysuru was a proof of this. The failure to implement the Kantharaj Commission report is a betrayal of AHINDA communities and Kannadigas, Vijayendra alleged.



Domestic workers behind theft in villa; 4 arrested

550gm of gold, 4kg of silver articles and Rs 4 lakh in cash recovered



City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh takes a look at gold and silver jewellery recovered by Vidyanarayana police on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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VIDYARANYAPURA police arrested four people, including two domestic workers, for allegedly stealing gold ornaments, silver articles and cash in all worth Rs 1.03 crore, from their employer's villa on Hesaraghatta Main Road. At the time of theft, the two house workers had travelled to Maharashtra with the complainant.

The accused have been identified as Narendra (28), a car driver and resident of Doddaballapura; Manjitha Ram (28), domestic help and a native of Bihar; Chandan (27), bus driver and Manjunath (36), a construction worker, both residents of Doddaballapura in Bengaluru Rural district.

Narendra and Manjitha Ram had been working at the businessman's house for the past year. They were in a debt trap and were aware of the gold and silver kept in the villa. Know-

ing that their employer was planning to travel to Maharashtra, they allegedly hatched a plan with their two friends and handed over the key of the rear door to them.

On December 23, when the complainant travelled to Sindhadurg district in Maharashtra with the duo and his family members, the other two accused allegedly broke into the villa and committed the theft. When the family returned on December 30, they found that gold jewellery, silver articles and cash had been stolen, following which they filed a complaint.

Police analysed CCTV footage and other technical evidence, and arrested two of the accused in Chitradurga on January 3. During interrogation, they revealed the involvement of Narendra and Manjitha Ram, who were subsequently arrested. Police recovered 550gm of gold, 4kg of silver articles, Rs 4 lakh in cash and other valuables, totalling Rs 1.03 crore.

Bizman loses jewellery, watch worth ₹1.37crore

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SADASHIVANAGAR police arrested a woman and her husband on Monday for allegedly stealing 787 grams of gold jewellery, silver articles and seven wristwatches worth Rs 1.37 crore from a businessman's house on December 30.

The accused have been identified as Hazira Begum and Shahir, a driver-cum-security guard. They hail from Assam and live in Koramangala.

According to police, Hazira worked as a domestic help at businessman Abhishek's house on 8th Main Road, Sadashivanagar, for three years till 2024 when she quit, citing her marriage. In December last, she returned to Abhishek's house and expressed her willingness to work there again. Trusting Hazira, he hired her again.

On December 30, Abhishek and his family members left for Tamil Nadu to celebrate New Year. Taking advantage of this, Hazira called her husband to the house. They then broke open an almirah and took away the valuables.

The theft came to light when Abhishek's mother-in-law, who visited the house, found it locked. She opened the door with a spare key and found the almirah damaged and valuables missing from it. She immediately alerted Abhishek, who cancelled the trip and returned to Bengaluru.

Man gets 7 years for assaulting cab driver

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

A CITY civil and sessions court sentenced a man to seven-year rigorous imprisonment for trying to snatch a mobile phone from a cab driver at midnight near Kalasipalya police station and then injuring him with a knife. Judge Rashmi M, LXVII Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, sentenced Armugam M (35), a resident of Cottonpet, for the offence punishable under Section 312 of BNS.

At 12.50 am on October 26, 2024, the cab driver, V Suman, picked up a passenger from the Kempegowda International Airport and stopped his taxi in front of a hotel on Kalasipalya

Main Road around 1.50 am as the passenger, Venkatesh, did not know the correct address. The passenger called his friend and gave the phone to Suman to get the address.

As Suman was talking over the phone with the right front window open, Armugam came all of a sudden near the car and tried to snatch the phone. When Suman held on to it tightly, Armugam slashed his right hand and right shoulder with a knife, causing grievous bleeding injuries. The Kalasipalya police later filed a chargesheet against Armugam.

The court noted that the ab-



sence of a testimony by independent eyewitnesses is not a ground to disregard the evidence of the injured. Also, in the early morning hours, one cannot expect a natural, independent public eyewitness to be present on a main road, the court added.

It stated that the passenger, who was in the car when the incident occurred, left immediately after in another vehicle. It can be safely said the passenger did not want to get involved in any legal battle. Even after a non-bailable warrant and proclamation were issued against him, the passenger, the sole

eyewitness, could not be brought as a witness. But that by itself does not remove the authenticity of the evidence of the injured, it observed.

The court also noted that one cannot expect witnesses to give parrot-like evidence, a mere slip of the tongue mentioning the time. Also, not securing CCTV footage is not fatal to the case, as CCTV footage was used to trace the accused and the injured himself identified the accused during the identification parade and in court.

The court referred the case to the District Legal Services Authority to grant a compensation to the victim under Section 396 of BNS.

Kit shortage delays Aadhaar biometric update for K'taka school students

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

EVEN as the State Government has directed the Department of School Education and Literacy to complete the Aadhaar mandatory biometric enrollment of students by March 1, the department has been able to complete it only in seven districts.

An official said, "As of December 31, 2025, we have completed only 9,907 enrolments and still over 12 lakh students' Aadhaar biometrics is pending. We have started with districts that have a higher number of students. Therefore, we have started with Belagavi, Belagavi-Chikkodi, Bengaluru Urban North, Bengaluru Urban South, Kalaburagi, Mysuru and Vijayapura. The highest number of pending updates are 3,87,858 in Bengaluru Urban South and 2,35,023 in Bengaluru Urban North. This is the first phase and we hope to begin the second phase soon."

Aadhaar update pending in 7 dists as on Dec 31, '25

District	Total MBU updated in 5 days	Total MBU* pending
Belagavi	1,248	98,899
Belagavi Chikkodi	3,393	1,24,172
Bengaluru Urban North	715	2,35,023
Bengaluru Urban South	1,361	3,87,858
Kalaburagi	1,410	1,20,645
Mysuru	626	1,43,178
Vijayapura	1,154	1,18,873

*Mandatory Biometric Update

"We have designed it phase-wise because of a shortage of kits and technical staffers needed to update biometrics, scan iris and capture photos. While

the expected number of kits is 170 to 180, we have 70 kits available with us."

School principals have been involved to create awareness about Aadhaar renewal camps.

Shashidhar Kosambe, president, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said, "Over 20 lakh children are studying in government schools. We received complaints of shortage of kits for updation of Aadhaar biometrics. It is important that the education department take the future of children seriously and update the biometrics on priority. Only then, students will get government scholarships."

In December 2025, the State Government had directed the education department to initiate the Aadhaar biometric update as many students were missing out on scholarship benefits provided by state and central governments.

EXPRESS READ



2 held with MDMA worth ₹3.5 crore ahead of NY

Bengaluru: The Ashok Nagar police have arrested two alleged drug peddlers and seized 3.2 kg of MDMA crystals worth Rs 3.5 crore, which were reportedly meant for sale during New Year celebrations. The accused have been identified as Syed Tariq Iqbal (33), a resident of Banaswadi who works as a business analyst in a private firm, and Shaik Mohammed Arbaz (29), a resident of Kadugodi and a pre-owned car dealer. Police said the duo had sourced the narcotics from a foreign national and were targeting youths at pubs during the New Year festivities. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Syed on the night of December 31, following which Arbaz was arrested the next day. **ENS**

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Short term Tender Notification (Through KPP Portal only)

No:1)KNNL/GRBCC-3/GKK/DB/Tender/H.Ac.2701 M&R/2025-26/05 Dt: 05-01-2026. 2)KNNL/GRBCC-3/GKK/DB/Tender/H.Ac.2701 M&R/2025-26/06 Dt: 05-01-2026. 3)KNNL/GRBCC-3/GKK/DB/Tender/ H.Ac.4701 M&MI/2025-26/07 Dt:05-01-2026.

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Division No-3 Gokak, Belagavi District in Karnataka State invites tenders on Percentage basis on KPP portal.

(1) Reserved Works-(03) Indent Nos. 3460, 3462 and 3552. Amount Put to Tender (Approximately)(Excluding GST) Rs.0.76 Lakhs to Rs. 10.91 Lakhs. (2) General Works-(09) Indent Nos. 3461, 3463, 3561, 3569, 3570, 3571, 3608, 3704 and 3717 Amount Put to Tender (Approximately) (Excluding GST) Rs.1.76 Lakhs to Rs. 126.68 Lakhs.

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Date: 03.01.2026

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• **DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 05.01.2026 to 27.01.2026.**

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ISRO all set to launch PSLV-C62 on January 12

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday announced the launch of the PSLV-C62 Mission. It will be launched on January 12 at 10.17 am from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikotta. This will be the first launch of the year 2006 and the 101st orbital launch of ISRO. This Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will also be ISRO's 64th flight. The aim of the mission is to improve India's remote sensing capabilities for agriculture, urban areas mapping and environmental assessment and monitoring.

Wish this mission, ISRO is said to mark the comeback of PSLV after a setback it had earlier faced with PSLV-C61. The mission will include the primary payload, EOS-N1, which is also called Anvesha. This is an advanced Earth observation satellite. It also includes an Eu-

ropean demonstrator and 18 other smaller satellites developed by domestic and international partners. The list includes agencies from Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mauritius and Spain.

ADITYA-L1 DATA RELEASED TO SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

ISRO on Tuesday announced the opening of the Aditya-L1 Mission data for the scientific community for analysis. The mission marked a major milestone in the space science programme, enabling continuous and comprehensive observations of the Sun from the Sun-Earth L1 point. At present, there is over 23 TB data available in public domain and several important scientific results have been published in International peer-reviewed journals. Now to further maximise scientific return, ISRO announced that it has released the data and has invited proposals from the Indian solar physics community for Aditya-L1 observation, a release said.

Welfare scheme mooted for kids of convicts in jail

MOHAMMED YACOUB
@ Bengaluru

AFTER visiting 10 prisons across the state, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has issued a direction to enroll the children below 18 years belonging to the prisoners under Mission Vatsalya, where a child will get Rs 4,000 a month to cover education costs (for purchasing uniforms and books) and scholarships to ensure their holistic development and protection.

The direction comes in the backdrop of information from jail authorities that 172 prisoners in Bengaluru Central Prison have at least 2 children below 18 years in their families.

Shashidhar Kosambe, the chairperson of the KSCPCR, who visited prisons, including

Bengaluru Central Prison, Ram nagara, Vijayapura, Ballari, Bidar, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, and Chikkaballapura, and after seeing prisoners, said he wondered who would take care of the children of the inmates.

"Many of the prisoners might have been the sole breadwinner of their families, and when they end up in jail, their children are left to suffer for no fault of theirs. Hence, I have issued a direction to the Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru West (CWC, Anekal Division) and the jail authorities to identify the prisoners' children aged below 18 and ensure that they get psycho-sociological support to ensure their upbringing is filled with discipline and dignity," said Kosambe.

Kosambe also said the KSCPCR wants to ensure that these children are brought un-

der Mission Vatsalya, a Central government programme, and the details are given to the Women and Child Department.

At present, the scheme covers children under 18 living with relatives or in Child Care Institutions (CCIs). "We need to ensure that the children from these segments do not go astray without care and protection. The CWC and jail authorities are tasked with checking the family background of prisoners and listing the children below 18 years," said Kosambe.

Bengaluru West (Anekal) District Child Protection Officer Asha HK said that two weeks ago, the KSCPCR had inspected the Bengaluru Central Prison and directed the CWC to source the details of prisoners. In coordination with the jail superintendent, a list of 172 prisoners with at least two children was prepared and sent to the commission.



Upa Lokayukta takes up suo motu case in death at crusher unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EXPRESSING serious concern over the repeated, unfortunate incidents of labourers working in the illegal mining sites being killed, Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa has taken suo motu cognisance of the death of a driver recently in Mandya district as no safety measures are taken by the owners of those sites or the Department of Mines and Geology.

Lacchi aka Lakshmana (38), a truck driver was killed after his truck full of crushed (jelly) stone fell into a 40 ft gorge on December 25 late night. The stone crusher unit at Jataka Gate, under Bellur police limits in Nagamangala, lacked a compound wall or barricade.

The Upa Lokayukta said the incident took place due to the negligence of the owner of the crusher, where labourers are working in a pathetic condition. The quarry owners and crushers are not following safety rules as prescribed by the Department of Mines and Geology.

Registering the case against the Assistant Commissioner of Pandavapura Sub-Division, Tahsildar of Nagamangala taluk, Deputy Director, Senior Geologist, of Mines and Geology, Regional Transport Officer, Officials of the Labour Department, Panchayat Development Officer of Nelligere Grama Panchayat and Executive Officer of Nagamangala Taluk Panchayat on the incident, Justice Veerappa directed them to redress the grievances of the labourers in the mining site and submit their explanation in person on February 16.

Noting that the complaint has been registered to examine whether there is any inaction or maladministration on the part of the authorities concerned as reported in the media, the Upa Lokayukta marked a copy of the suo motu case to the Secretary of the Revenue Department, Deputy Commissioner of Mandya, Director of Mines and Geology and Mandya District In-Charge Minister for necessary action.

In a similar incident, a driver of a truck full of jelly stone was killed in September 2025 after it fell into a gorge at the stone crusher unit at Bandegate in Tiptur taluk of Tumakuru district. The intervention of Upa Lokayukta helped the wife of the deceased receive a sum of Rs 15 lakh as compensation.

In another incident that took place in May 2023 in Karadubande of Kolar taluk, on person died due to a gelatin blast in violation of rules. The Upa Lokayukta took up suo motu case and got Rs 10 lakh compensation to the wife of the deceased labourer.



MARCH FOR A CAUSE

Members of the Bheem Praja Sangha march in protest near Freedom Park on Tuesday, demanding the repealing of the Buddhist Temple Act, 1949, and the restoration of the Mahabodhi Mahavihar to the Buddhists | KEVIN NASHON

Greens oppose turning forest patches into tourist spots, tree parks

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

DURING the recent inspection, forest department officials of Bengaluru urban division, found leopard droppings in Madapanahalli forest patch, located in north Bengaluru, near Yelahanka. This has raised concerns among conservationists and department officials, calling for the state government's urgent need to protect the existing forest patches in and around Bengaluru from being made tourist spots and tree parks. The government, on January 1, announced to convert Madapanahalli forest patch, spread across 153 acres, into Vishwa Guru Basavanna Biodiversity Park, with the aim to make it the third lung space on the lines of Cubbon Park and Lal Bagh with native trees, medicinal plants and a bird sanctuary.

"The droppings show that the leopard must have been passing by the region, but no sightings have been reported. Earlier, leopard sightings were common in Bengaluru outskirts, but now their presence has increased in urban and peri-urban areas. There has been a rise in man-animal conflicts in recent times. We regularly get calls about leopard sightings in apartment complexes and industrial areas. All this would not have increased, had the existing forest patches been well protected. Their shrinking and conversion into tree parks and bio-diversity parks are causing problems," said a forest official, who did not want to be named.

The forest department, recently approved the Central government's project of converting Devika Rani and Roerich Estate, which are in Tataguni estate, into an eco-tourism destination. Also, a portion of Turahalli forest has been converted into a tree park. Similar is the case with other forest patches.

"Shrinking habitats and increasing human presence is pushing leopards out, leading to conflicts. This can be seen in and around Bannerghatta National Park, Peenya and Tumakuru Road. Cases of leopards wandering on Kanakapura Road have increased. The worry is it will increase further when Roerich estate is made a tourist spot. Sightings of leopards around NICE Road are also being reported again," he said. Conservationists pointed to the need for people to understand and co-exist with wild animals. The government should protect the existing forest patches including Turahalli, BM Kaval, Jarakabandekaval, Basavantara forest near Kengeri, Tataguni and Mallasandra forest patches, he said.



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HC slams TN govt, upholds single judge order

DEEPAM ROW

JEGADEESWARI PANDIAN @ Madurai

RUBBISHING the Tamil Nadu government's apprehensions of possible disharmony due to lighting of the Karthigai Deepam on the 'deepathoon' atop the Thiruparankundram hill as nothing but an 'imaginary ghost' created by it 'to put one community against another', the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday ordered the Thiruparankundram Subramaniya Swamy temple devasthanam to light the lamp on the deepathoon during Karthigai Deepam.

Disposing of a batch of appeals filed against Justice G R Swaminathan's order directing the lighting of the lamp on the deepathoon, a division bench comprising justices G Jayachandran and K K Ramakrishnan said, "Being at vantage point, the stone pillar called 'deepathoon', which is on a different

rock summit, lower to the peak on which the dargah is located, is the ideal place to light the deepam." The judges slammed the state government saying the 'mighty' state's fear that allowing lighting of deepam on the deepathoon will disturb public peace is ridiculous and hard to believe. "Of course, it may happen only if such disturbance is sponsored by the state itself. We pray no state should stoop to that level to achieve their political agenda," the judges said. Otherwise, it is either an exposure of their incapacity to maintain law and order or their hesitance to bring harmony among the communities, the bench said.

The TN Waqf Board's "mischievous" submission that the pillar belongs to the dargah became yet another reason for the petitioners' side to be skeptical about the board's offer for a court-monitored mediation, the judges said.

However, to ensure that both



Members of Hindu outfits break coconuts in front of the Thiruparankundram temple on Tuesday following the court verdict allowing lighting of Karthigai Deepam

communities are able to celebrate their festivals on the hill without disturbing each other, the bench framed a number of guidelines for lighting the lamp on the deepathoon. Only the

devasthanam and its team should light the lamp by following the conditions found in the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act and Rules, and those to be

imposed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to preserve the monuments on the hill. The public should not be permitted to accompany them. The team members to be involved in the lighting should be decided by the devasthanam in consultation with the ASI and police, the bench added.

TN to challenge verdict in SC

Minister for Natural Resources S Regupathy on Tuesday announced that the government will challenge the verdict before the Supreme Court. Regupathy said the division bench ruling was "legally incorrect". "The government and the HR&CE department will go for an appeal against the verdict before the SC. We are confident that we will get justice from the apex court," he added. The minister contended that the court should have permitted the lighting of the Deepam only after verifying historical evidence.

SIT: Sabarimala gold theft part of larger conspiracy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@ KOCHI

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) informed the Kerala High Court on Tuesday that the gold theft from Sabarimala is part of a larger conspiracy and an organised crime committed by the accused persons.

The accused persons had a larger plan to dismantle other gold-clad items on the Sabarimala Sreekoovil and to extract the gold for misappropriation. The SIT filed a report objecting to the bail pleas of Roddam Pandurangiah Naga Govardhan and A. Padmakumar, the former president of the Travancore Devaswom Board, who are in judicial custody in the Sabarimala gold theft case.

The report also stated that the 10th accused, Govardhan, along with the ninth accused, Pankaj Bhandari and the first accused,

Unnikrishnan Potty and other accused persons, hatched a criminal conspiracy to misappropriate the gold cladded on the two copper plates depicting Dasavatharam symbols, the gold cladded on the two copper plates depicting Rasi symbols, the gold cladded on one copper plate of the upper door frame, and the gold cladded on copper plates of Prabhmandalam including Sivaroopam and Vyaliroopam over the door frames (seven plates) installed in front of the Sreekoovil of the Sabarimala Temple.

On analysis of the CDR of Govardhan, Potty, and Bhandari, it is revealed that they met in person secretly in Bengaluru when the gold theft case was considered by the High Court in October 2025. It is revealed that this meeting was a post conspiracy to conceal the crime committed by them in 2019.

KARUR STAMPEDE

CBI asks Vijay to appear before it on January 12

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has summoned TVK leader Vijay, asking him to appear for questioning in the Karur stampede case in Tamil Nadu. "We have questioned several TVK officer bearers in connection with the case," said a senior CBI officer, adding that the actor-politician has been asked to appear on January 12 at the headquarters. The agency has questioned TVK state general secretary Bussy Anand, joint secretaries Nirmal Kumar and Adhav Arjun and Karur West district secretary Mathiyazhagan in the case.

The stampede occurred on September 27, 2025 during a TVK political rally in Veluswampuram, Karur district, when a massive crowd surge turned deadly. The incident claimed 41 lives including 18 women and 10 children and injured dozens of others as supporters gathered in large numbers for Vijay's address.

The CBI took over the case from Special Investigation Team (SIT) following a Supreme Court order. The federal probing agency sleuths stated that they have gathered evidence relating to the stampede that occurred during a political meeting.

The victims killed during the political gathering were from Karur, Erode, Dindigul, Tiruppur, and Salem districts. The crowd had gathered at Velusampuram, along the Karur-Erode Highway, for what was called a "people's rally," when chaos erupted after Vijay's address. Initially, the Tamil Nadu government opposed a CBI probe into the incident and had constituted a SIT to probe the case. The state argued before the court that a SIT was sufficient and better placed to investigate the incident, citing law and order being a state subject.

Senior citizen uses AI to find out ₹67L IPO scam targeting him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 77-year-old senior citizen has approached the cyber-crime police after discovering that he had been allegedly cheated of over Rs 67 lakh in the guise of lucrative pre-IPO stock market investments, which he found after checking the firm's credentials using ChatGPT.

According to the police, the victim, a resident of Binnyet, was contacted in November 2025 by Yatin Shah, who claimed to be an advisor with a wealth management firm. The caller promised assured allotment of pre-IPO shares with high returns and persuaded the senior citizen to sign an account agreement and begin investing.

The victim initially transferred Rs 5 lakh for the pre-IPO of ICICI Prudential AMC, following which he was shown profits on a digital wallet. Encouraged by the apparent gains, he was coaxed into making multiple RTGS transfers to different bank accounts for subsequent pre-IPO offerings, including Shyam Dhani Industries. Over the next few weeks, the victim transferred money to several firms and entities, eventually investing a total of Rs 67.10 lakh.

The fraud allegedly escalated when the accused claimed that the victim had been allotted shares far in excess of his request, showing paper profits of nearly Rs 2 crore. To regularise the transaction, the accused offered a loan, but later refused to allow any withdrawal unless the loan amount was repaid through fresh payments. When repeated requests to withdraw even a portion of his funds were denied, the victim grew suspicious.

He then searched for details about the company and its representatives using ChatGPT. The AI tool flagged multiple red flags, including complaints, inconsistencies in company credentials, and warning signs commonly associated with investment fraud. Realising that he had likely been duped, the victim immediately filed a complaint with the police.



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NOTICE FOR THE VACANCY OF THE FOLLOWING POSTS AT C-DOT

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For detailed information including the Job description and application process, please visit the 'Careers' section of the C. DOT website: <https://www.cdor.in/cdotweb/web/careers.php?lang=en#current openings>
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WALK-IN ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Walk in Admissions for the seats nonallotted in the 1 to 4 rounds of counselling conducted through KEA on the Merit Cum Roster basis for the year 2025- 2026- Reg. Ref. Respected DME Itr No. dtd: **DME/ MCS/180/2025-26 dtd: 30.12.2025.**

Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bidar has Notified for the walk-in admission for the below mentioned courses of Allied Health Sciences(AHS) for the year 2025-26 on date: **08-01-2026 morning 10:00 AM to evening 5:00 PM.** The KEA registered non-allotted candidates are hereby called to attend the walk-in-admission at BRIMS Bidar with required documents.

Details of Allied health sciences, Courses

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3) Name of Course: **B.Sc Medical Imaging Technology**, No. of Seats: **30**
4) Name of Course: **B.Sc Renal Dialysis Technology**, No. of Seats: **30**
Total :120. Eligibility criteria / instructions & conditions are as follows.

1) KEA registered and non-allotted Candidates (1-4 rounds counseling) will be allotted seats on merit cum roster basis. 2) Seat matrix for newly added colleges and courses will be considered on merit and roster system. 3) KEA registered and non-allotted Candidates (1-4 rounds counseling) will be considered. 4) Required original documents will be verified for the approval of admissions. 5) Original documents with 2 sets of attested Xerox copies as instructed by Rajiv Gandhi Health University should be submitted. 6) The results of walk in admission will be announced on **date: 09.01.2026 at 11:00 AM** in Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bidar on notice board and candidates who are selected for admission should submit the said documents on **10.01.2026 by 4:00 PM** with two set of Xerox without fail and confirm the admission. 7) Selected students will pay the fee fixed by the institution for admission to the first year of the courses in the bank account of institution.

Sd/- DIRECTOR
Bidar Institute Of Medical Sciences, Bidar.
DIPR/Bidar/290/KSMC&A/2025-26

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NOTICE TO LOCKER HOLDERS DEFAULTERS IN PAYMENT OF LOCKER RENT

This notice is for the customer who has taken locker on rent at Thippasandra Branch of HDFC Bank Ltd Not Paid the rent of more than 8 years The bank has rent reveral notices to the customer from time to time a made call to make payment of on loacker rent, but no responce received Tis is the final notice to the customer mention below to pay the arreatu of locker rental with in the Period of 60 days, Faiting with the bank will proceed to brak open the locker at the locker higher's cost, risk & responsibiling than the bank preserves the right to proceed legally for recovery of outstanding rent, cost & other charges if an

Customer Details

Name : Vinod K
Account No. 50500004204530
Customer ID. 32261627

Branch Address

HDFC Bank LTD, BEML Gate BranchNo. 108/109,
New Thippasandra Main Road ,Puttappa Layout , BEML Gate Circle ,Bangalore 560075
Branch code : 4386 | Cost code....00199



Visvesvaraya Technological University
(State University of Government of Karnataka Established as per the VTU Act, 1994)
Jnana Sangama', Belagavi - 590 018, Karnataka State

Phone:(0831) 2405468 Fax:(0831)2405467

Ref.No.VTU/PS/2025-26/788 Date: 05.01.2026

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation (Part-II) to award Post Graduate and Research Degrees of VTU – reg.

It is hereby informed that the **Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation (Part-II) to award Post Graduate and Research Degrees of VTU, is scheduled to be held on Monday, 2nd February 2026, at 11-00 a.m., in the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, "Jnana Sangama" Campus of VTU, Belagavi.** The awardees of the above degree are hereby cordially invited to attend the Convocation.

In this Convocation Ceremony, the Degrees will be awarded only to the Gold Medalists and Rank Holders of 2024-2025 batch of Post Graduate Programmes and to the candidates eligible for the award of Ph.D Degree.

All candidates are required to note the following:

The candidates shall :

- * Be present in the Auditorium with neat white dress as mentioned in the University Website
- * Occupy the seats in the Auditorium at least half an hour earlier to the commencement of Convocation Ceremony
- * Candidates are advised not to attend the Convocation Ceremony if symptoms of fever / cold / cough
- * Standup when the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Chancellor and other dignitaries enters the hall and remain so until they occupy the chairs
- * Maintain silence and discipline throughout the Ceremony
- * Switch off mobile phone in the premises
- * Not to leave their position till the dignitaries leaves the hall after the Ceremony is over
- * Follow the instructions issued by the Registrar(Evaluation) regarding Registration and other protocols of Convocation

Other candidates, who wish to collect the Degree Certificates personally, can collect the same from the Office of the Registrar (Evaluation) the next working day, on **2nd February 2026**, during the office hours on producing valid identity card issued by the college. The certificates of the rest of the candidates will be sent to the concerned colleges after the Convocation.

By order
(Dr. Prasad B.Rampure)
Registrar

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032., Branch Address: Municipal No.45 (Old Nos. 45and 45-1) Second Floor Lalbagh Road Bangalore - 560027.

[Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE [For Immovable Property]
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges. Under section 13 [B] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]
1	Loan Account No.: X0HEBAN0001409933, 1. Renuka G No.9, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, T C Palya Main Road, Hanumappa Reddy Layout, Hoysalnagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 016. Also At: Renuka G Site No.72 & 73, 4th Cross Road, T C Palya Main Road, Hanumappa Reddy Layout, Hoysalnagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 016, 2. Rama Reddy H No.9, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, T C Palya Main Road, Hanumappa Reddy Layout, Hoysalnagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560016.	16-October-2025	Rs.88,86,034/- as on 16-10-2025 and interest thereon	05-January-2026

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site Nos.72 & 73, Katha No.365, Sy.No.92/6 measuring 40 + 44/2 X 80 + 108/2 ft Situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Presently within the limit BBMP, and bounded on: East by Property No.43, West by 25ft Road, North by Property No.71, South by Road, Measuring - East to West: on the Northern Side 40 ft on the Southern Side 44 ft and North to South: on the Eastern Side 80 ft and on the Western Side 108 ft, and the building constructed thereon within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.

Date: 07-01-2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.
The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon, The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
MRS. MONICA AMARNATH MR. SHAHAANK AMARANATH MR. MANAANK AMARANATH Loan A/c No. 410100008678 410100011166 Symbolic Possession date: 06/01/2026 Place: Bangalore Date: 07.01.2026	28/10/2025	Rs. 1,59,73,971.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the land together with the existing residential house thereon bearing the Centre portion of Site No.10, now bearing H.L. Khata No.142-1B, situated in Horamavu Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring on the North 35 feet, on the south 35 feet, on the East 86 feet, on the West 83 feet being bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Smt. Kamakshamma, West by: B. Y. Narayana Reddy's property, North by: Private Property, South by: 25 feet wide Road.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North
No. 1234, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Opp. To Chandra Layout Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560040
Mobile: 90032 23669, E-Mail: arb.bengaluru@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor-Union Bank of India, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"

Union Bank of India A/c transferred from Richmond Town Branch to ARB North (Borrower) 1(a). M/s. Asian Hardware, Prop. Mr. C. Shamshuddin, #26, Annipura Main Road, Near BMTC Bus Depo, Sudamanager, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. 1(b). Mr. Shamshuddin, C.O. M. Smail, Plot No. 9/1, PID No. 94-93-9/1. Ezikel Industrial Layout, Nagawara Main Road, Kadugondanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore - 560045. Also at, #54, Kuppasamy Layout, Arabic College Road, Bangalore - 560045.

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of land together with structure standing thereon bearing Corporation New No.9/1, situated at Ezekiel Layout in BBMP Ward No.94 PID No.94-93-9/1, located at Kadugondanahalli, KasabaHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West 34 feet and North to South 30 feet owned by C.Shamshuddin and bounded by on the **East by:** Private Property, On the **West by:** 15 feet Road, On the **North by:** Private Property, On the **South by:** Private Property.

Reserve price: Rs. 49.50,000.00 (Rupees Forty-Nine Lac Fifty Thousand Only)
EMD Payable: Rs. 4.95,000.00 (Rupees Four Lac Ninety-Five Thousand Only)
10% of the Reserve Price
Date and Time of E-auction: 13-02-2026 from 12:00 Noon to 05:00PM
(with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website - <https://baanknet.com>

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through <https://baanknet.com> and <https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auuction-property/view-auction-property.aspx>.
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website <https://baanknet.com> and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

www.unionbankofindia.bank.in	https://baanknet.com
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Date: 31.12.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank Of India

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
Kamakshipalya Branch (12292)
Shreyas No.1, MIG KHB Colony, 80ft. Road, II Stage, Kamakshipalya, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bengaluru - 560055
Contact No: +91- 9653812292 E-mail ID: ubin0912298@unionbankofindia.bank.in

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor-Union Bank of India, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"

1. The Borrower/ Co-obligant: (a) Mr. Mangilal, S/o Khumaramji, No. 9, 2nd Main, Meenakshinagar, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079. (b) M/s Pooja Enterprises, Proprietor :Mangilal, No 58, 1st Floor, 6th Main, Police Station Road, Meenakshipalya, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru 560079. 2. Guarantor / Mortgage: (a) Mr. Ganganna, S/o Late Boralingiah, No. 6, Hombelaku, 3rd Floor, 8th Main, 4th Cross, AD Halli, Bengaluru 560079.

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the Collateral security of Residential Property bearing old Site No. 14, New Municipal No. 6 in Sy. 76, PID 21-86-6 with building thereon situated at 8th Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli Magadi Road, Bengaluru. Measuring 50x15, in all measuring 70 Sq.ft and bounded as follows: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property No. 7, **North by:** Property No. 161, **South by:** Property of Dorewamy and property in the name of Ganganna.

Reserve price: Rs. 73,17,650.00 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Only),
EMD Payable: Rs. 7,31,765.00 (Seven Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Only),
10% of the Reserve Price
Date and Time of E-auction : 27-02-2026 at 12:00 Noon to 05:00 PM
(with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website - <https://baanknet.com>

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through <https://baanknet.com> and <https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auuction-property/view-auction-property.aspx>.
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website <https://baanknet.com> and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

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Date: 05.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank Of India

ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED
OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha
CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omctd.in

CORRIGENDUM TO RfP NO-09/OMC/CIVIL/2025
CAD-2953: Due to unavoidable technical reasons, the RfP documents could not be uploaded in the website. Hence the critical dates are hereby revised as indicated below.
Please visit Govt website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from **dt.12.01.2026 to 21.01.2026 up to 5.00 PM**
2. Last date of on- line submission of tender in the portal is **dt.21.01.2026 up to 5.00 PM**
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is **dt.22.01.2026 at 11.00 AM.**

OIPR-30005/1/0330/2526 Sd/- GM (Civil)

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,
TUTICORIN-628 004

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost Put to tender value (Amount in INR)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Amount in INR)	Online Tender opening date
1	Construction of Indoor Auditorium of 200 seating capacity along with allied facilities including conference rooms, dining halls, refresh chambers, parking areas in VOC Port	35,00,89,173/-	60,00,892/-	27.01.2026
2	Setting up Common Solid Waste Recycling Facilities at Chidambaranar Port Authority.	1,49,33,857/-	2,98,678/-	27.01.2026

Note: For eligible tenderers, downloading of bid documents from the NIC e-tendering website:
i) <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>
ii) <https://www.vocport.gov.in>

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER
VOCPA

MAHANAGARA PALIKE, KALABURAGI
Ph.: 08472/ 278675 Fax : 08472 / 260776, E-mail : istaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/EE/T-S-02/NCAP/2025-26/ Date: 05.01.2026.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
1) Name of Work: 5 works from NCAP 2024-25 Fund, 2) Head of Account: NCAP 2024-25 Fund, 3) Tender Amount: **Minimum tender Amount Rs. 50,00,000.00, Maximum tender Amount Rs. 61,00,000.00**, 4) Eligibility of Contractor: Class III & Above, 5) Pre Bid Meeting Date and Time: **19.01.2026, 11:00am**, 6) Last Date for Bid Submission: **20.01.2026 Upto 4:30pm**, 7) Tender opening Date: **21.01.2026 Upto 4:35pm**, 8) Tender Financial Bid opening Date: **22.01.2026 Upto 11:30am**, 9) Cost of Tender Schedule: 1. Tender Fee As Per e-portal EMD Max Rs. 1,05,000.00, 2. Tender Fee As Per e-portal EMD Min Rs. 42,000.00 10) Contact Address & Mobile No: Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 9620341599, 11) Web Site: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/937/KSMC&A/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC -SHAR SRIHARIKOTA-524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
No:SHAR: CMG CIVIL: MAINT: E-PT-12/25-26 Dt: 06.01.2026
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for following works;

Name of Work	Tender No	Estimate Cost
Internal Painting of 150 no of Qtrs in PHC-I&II area, SDSC SHAR	T/C-25-051	₹ 19.85 Lakhs
Misc. civil works at Aryabhata GH Canteen, SDSC SHAR	T/C-25-052	₹ 6.83 Lakhs
Resurfacing of road at SMPC Unit-01, SDSC SHAR	T/C-25-053	₹ 8.29 Lakhs
Structural repair works & structural rehabilitation works, SLP area	T/C-25-054	₹ 66.97 Lakhs
Civil repair works of 150 Nos Qtrs at PCN Colony, Sullurpet	T/C-25-055	₹ 79.44 Lakhs

Tender documents can be downloaded up to **21.01.2026, 14:30 hrs**. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

ನಿರ್ಮಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ರಾಯಚೂರು
ಕಡಿಮೆ ಪೆಟ್ಟದ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕತೆಯ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ
(ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

Deputy Commissioner Office , District Administration Building, Ground Floor Room No C-15, Eklaspur, RAICHUR- 584 103, e-Mail ID:pmnkrcl@gmail.com
Contact No: Project Manager-9945494157

ಸಂ:ನಿರ್ಕೇ:ಟೆಂಡರ್: NKR/2025-26/17/18 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
1) ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ವಿವರ: Supply & Installation of Video Conferencing System to VC Hall -2 at DC Office, Raichur. ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: NKR/2025-26/IND0017 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.01.2026 @17.30 PM ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ-ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಜಾಲತಾಣದ ವಿಳಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಫಿಲಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> 12.01.2026 @ 11.00 AM @ Nirmithi Kendra, Raichur
2) ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ವಿವರ: Supply & Installation Of Installation Of Acoustical Wall Paneling, Sound System , False Ceiling & Water Proofing For Roof Sheets To Sri Maharishi Valmiki Bhavana @ Ashapur Road Raichur. ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: NKR/2025-26/IND0018 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.01.2026 @17.30 PM ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ-ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಜಾಲತಾಣದ ವಿಳಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಫಿಲಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> 12.01.2026 @ 11.00 AM @ Nirmithi Kendra, Raichur

ಸಹಿ/- ಯೋಜನಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು
ನಿರ್ಮಿತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ರಾಯಚೂರು

DIP/RCR/638/KSMCA/640/2025-26

JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
Corporate identity Number: U67190MH2007PLC74287
Registered Office : 7th Floor, Chenergy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400025
Contact Person: 1. Raghavendra Gowda - 9686463502 2. Chandan Sakhalakar - 9820407168 3. Sinduja Pillai - 022 - 6224 1676

E-Auction Sale Notice – Fresh Sale
That Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created thereon along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFAFC (JM) (herein referred as Assignee) acting in its capacity as trustee of JMFAFC – Aranya – Trust. It is to notify that PCNFI is authorized and appointed to act as Service provider / Collection agent to facilitate all operational and procedures processes vide Assignment / Service Agreement Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrowers, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on "As is Where is Basis", "As is What is Basis" and "Whatever is There is Basis". Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address -final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (29-12-2025)
Loan Code No.: 21400043908, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Prasanna Kumar S (Borrower), Shruthi S (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 21-01-2020, Rs. 3725554/-, (Rs. Thirty Seven lakh Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent : Site 2264/4528/6, Old 22/23, NA Kothanur Village, Ultrahalli Hbli, Kothanur Village, Ultrahalli Hbli, Bangalore South Bangalore Karnataka IN 560078	Rs. 582000/-, (Rs. Fifty Eight lakh Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs. 582000/-, (Rs. Two lakh Eighty Two Thousand Only)	Rs. 9152640.25/-, (Rs. Ninety One lakh Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty One and Twenty Five Paise)
Loan Code No.: 21400043626, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), H S Kumar (Borrower), H M Srinivasa (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 19-12-2019, Rs. 1910765/-, (Rs. Nineteen lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent : Katha No 88/88/120, NA Siddharth Nagar, Siddharth Nagar, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural Karnataka IN 562114	Rs. 2340000/-, (Rs. Twenty Three lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Rs. 234000/-, (Rs. Two lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only)	Rs. 4890834/-, (Rs. Forty Eight lakh Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 11-02-2026, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 10-02-2026, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.
For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.jmfinancialarc.com/Home/Assetsforsale> OR <https://www.bankauctions.in>.
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.
Date : 07.01.2026 | Place : Bengaluru Sd/- (Authorised Officer) (Aranya - Trust)

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Govt of Karnataka Enterprises)
O/o The Executive Engineer, CNNL, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru District - 570020
Ph.0821-2515598 Email: eevccdn2@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
No.13/2025-26, Dated: 06-01-2026
Tender is invited through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Bengaluru from Eligible Registered Contractors for 01 Number of Rejuvenation of tank and Tank Beautification works amounting 1475.00 Lakhs to take up these works on Item Rate Contract basis. The last date for Tender queries/clarification is **Date: 09-01-2026 till 5.30pm**. Last date for online submission of tender with EMD is **Date: 13-01-2026 till 5.00 p.m**. Date of opening of Technical bid is **Date: 14-01-2026 at 5.30 p.m**, and Date of opening of Financial bid is **Date: 16-01-2026 at 5.30 pm** For further details, contact the above said during office hours and through KPP-Portal by logging in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Vidyaryanapura Branch
No.194, NTI Layout, 1st Cross Road, Block Vidyaryanapuram, Vidyaryanapura Bangalore-560097

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, Vidyaryanapura Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 31.10.2025 calling upon the Borrower 1. Mrs Susheelamma W/o Krishnappa N No.16, GKVK Road, Thindlu North Bangalore North -560097 2. Mr.Krishnappa N S/o Nanjundappa No.626, Maraja Street Munisamappa Udayanagar D V Nagar Post Bangalore-560016 3. Mr. N Kempanna No.15, Vidyaryanapura Bangalore-560097 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of Rs. 6,11,209/- (Rupees Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 06th day of January 2026.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, Vidyaryanapura Branch for an amount of Rs. 6,11,209/- (Rupees Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only) and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of Secured Assets
Name of Title holder : Mrs. Susheelamma, W/o Krishnappa N
Immovable : Schedule -B : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 16, Old BBMP Katha No.381/16, Present BBMP Katha No 91/16, Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 40 ft and bounded on the East By: Site NO 17, West By: Site No 13 North By: Vacant Land, South By: Road Along with the Residential Building Constructed in it
Date : 06.01.2026
Place : Bangalore Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore
ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT")
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Bengaluru ARM-1[2366] Branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under: As you all are aware that the secured creditor issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 29.09.2025, to the borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor/s (1) Shri Aditya Mahesh, S/o Late Maheshchandra, 12/2 Surveyor Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. (2) Smt Shanthala H. M. 12/02 Surveyor Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 (3) Smt Vimala Basavaraju, F1 First Floor 'benka Enclave', 1st Cross 2nd Stage Kh Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560057 (name of Borrower/ Mortgage/Guarantor), the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of Rs.60,97,376.93/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six and Ninety-Three Paise Only) and interest stated therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.
Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 01.12.2025. Further, the said symbolic/physical possession notice was duly published in THE INDIAN EXPRESS and KANADA PRABHA.
To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of Rs. 63,08,539.53/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine and Fifty Three paise Only) as on 02.01.2026, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or By private treaty.
As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act or any other law in force.
Date : 05.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

ಬೆಳ್ಳಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಧಾರವಾಡ - 580 001.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 0836-2442316, ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: zpeddwd@rediffmail.com
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ.ಧಾ.ರ.ಇಂ.-2/ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಪರಿಶೇಷ/2025-26/3946
ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06-01-2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ - 33/2025-26 (ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: No. : FD 86 Exp-12/2017, Bangalore, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15-09-2017 ರನ್ವಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಶೇಷಗಳಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ಸಮಾನೀಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ನುತ್ರಿಕರರಿಂದ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೇಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-1, ಕೇಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-2 & ಕೇಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-3 ರಲ್ಲಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.
Indtent No : General : 22085, 20060/Call-2, 22755, 22645. Cat-II (A) : 22624.
ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇವೆಂಟ್ಸ್ : 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07-01-2026 ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16-01-2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17-01-2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 3) ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ವಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22-01-2026 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ.
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು / ನುತ್ರಿಕರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮ / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪರಮ್‌ಗಳು / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಹುಲ್ಲು / ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಇಲ್ಲವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.
ಸಹಿ/- (ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಸೋಬ್ರಮಹರ್, ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರರು, ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

THE MYSORE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
P.B.No. 2221, Tumakuru Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560 022.
Ph: 23376851(6 lines) 23376641 (4 lines) Fax: 23371811
e-Mail: mel.matis9@gmail.com Visit us at www.mel.karnataka.gov.in
Ref.No.: MEIL/2025-26/IND0359 TO IND0363 DATE: 06.01.2026

NOTIFICATION
RAW MATERIALS FOR CT PT
Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **05.01.2026.** (2) Last date for submission of Queries: **08.01.2026.** (3) Last date for submission of Technical & Financial Bids (Cover I & II): **12.01.2026.** (4) Opening of Technical Bids: **14.01.2026.** (5) Opening of Financial Bids: **16.01.2026.** Visit us at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Procurement)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Hassan
IFT No.29/2025-26, Dated: 03.01.2026
Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through KPPP portal of GOK (website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) for Hassan & Chikkamagaluru District works as per KW-1,2,3&4, maximum tender amount is Rs.128.87 lakhs & minimum tender amount is Rs.3.23 lakhs. The last date of receipt of tender is 14-01-2026 upto 5.00 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPP-portal and the above office during office working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Hassan.
ಪಾಸಪತ್ರಂ/ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ/ಪಾಸಪತ್ರಂ/911/ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಂ/2025-26

GOVT. TOOL ROOM & TRAINING CENTRE
Rajajinagar Industrial Area, Bengaluru-560 010.
Phone : 080-23157189, Fax : 080-23301683

No. GTTC/PROJ/CIVIL-ELEWORKS/BD-154,155&156/2025-26 Date: 06.01.2026

e-Tender Notification
Tenders for the following works have been invited through e-Procurement by the Government Tool Room & Training Centre for the year 2025-26.

No.	Bid No.	Centre Name	Name of work
1	154	Raichur Rural	Establishment of New GTTC Centre at Raichur Rural, Raichur District
2	155	Kampli	Establishment of New GTTC Centre at Kampli in Ballari District
3	156	Indi	Establishment of New GTTC Centre at Indi in Vijayapura District

Tender documents are available on the e-Portal from **08.01.2026** and Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled on **27.01.2026**. The last date for submission of tender in the e-Portal is **09.02.2026 before 5.30 pm**. For more details, please visit the e-Procurement portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or contact the helpline number : **+91 9240214000, +91 9240214001.**
Sd/- Managing Director

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.
The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon, The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
MR KALYAN BABU & SAI DEEPA Loan a/c No. 41010008087 Symbolic possession taken on 03/01/2026	27/08/2018	Rs. 54,20,272.03	Schedule Property : All that piece & parcel of the immovable property having Site No. 2, Old Property No.110, (New B-Khatha No.110/2), Sl. No.1375 situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560045, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West :- 40 Feet and North to South:- 60 Feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq. Feet, and bounded on the:- East By: Divakar Joseph's Property, West By: Vijayan's Property, North By: Road, South By: Private Property

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07.01.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

NO.EE/PWD/DIVN/YDGT/TS-2025-26/ 2406, Dated:03-01-2026
2nd Corrizendum e-Tender Notification
Sub: Corrizendum for Work Indent No. PWD/2025-26/IND0195-reg..
Ref 1)This office Short Term e-Tender Notification No. EE/PWD/e-Tender/ TS-2/ 2025-26/ 2232, Dated: 17-12-2025
2)This office Addendum/Corrizendum e-Tender Notification No. EE/PWD/ e-Tender/TS-2/2025-26/ 2356, Dated: 31-12-2025
With reference to the above subject vide ref no.1 & 2 due to technical reasons some corrections and additional necessary changes made are inserted as discussed in pre-bid meeting for the above e-tender notification work indent no. PWD/2025-26/IND0195, Further some corrections are made for this particular tender and last date for tender receipt and technical bid/Financial bid opening dates are postponed. Details are given below.

Sl. No	Particulars of Tender	Corrections and additional changes (Documents uploaded in kppp portal)	Remarks
1	General Condition No.42 newly inserted by Addendum Notification (Ref.No.2)	General Condition No.42 Corrected	Corrizendum

Dates are set as follows

1	Last Date & Time for Receipt of the tender in e-KPPP portal	14-01-2026 (Upto 16.00 hrs)	Corrizendum
2	Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid	16-01-2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards)	Corrizendum
3	Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid	19-01-2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards)	Corrizendum

NOTE: 1) Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only 2) No changes in other conditions
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Yadgir.
DIPYDG/454/KSMC&A/2025-26

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.
Phone: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

AUCTION SALE NOTICE
AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd, Bengaluru - 560018 has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act 2002, read with the relevant Rules 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction
1	Borrowers: 1) Sri Prem Kumar, C.S. S/o. C.M. Sidde Gowda, No. 62, 22nd Cross, Maruthi Layout, Near J.J. Apartment, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040. Guarantor: 2) Sri Basavaraj, N.S. S/o. Sri Siddappa, N.N. No. 35/B, Jayanthi Nilaya, Sharavathi Nagar, 2nd Cross, Pattargalpalya, Bengaluru - 560079. Also at: Nisargalaya Drug Unit Pvt.Ltd., Flat No.190, 2nd Floor, Sankey Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560080. Also at: # 44, Nagenahalli, Arasikere, Karagunda, Hassan -573122.	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of immovable property / land in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board at Yelahanka New Town, 5th Phase, Bengaluru, measuring: East to West : 22.60 Mtrs and North to South: 24.00 Mtrs, in all measuring 542.40 Sq.mtrs and bounded on:- East by : KHB Land, West by : Road, North by : Block No.2, South by : Road. 1/16th undivided share in the mentioned property. Schedule-B: A residential Apartment / Flat Bearing No.14, S-HIG-D- Third Floor, Block No.1, present BBMP Katha No. 424/426/14/1, consisting of 16 residential apartments in the multi storied building / block constructed on the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto (including one half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and floor of the apartment above it and internal wall and external between such levels)	Rs.42,18,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Eighteen Thousand Only) EMD: Rs.4,21,800/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	Rs.61,18,578/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) as on 05-01-2026	10-02-2026 at 11.30 AM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018

SCHEDULE OF TENEMENT REFERRED TO
The boundary schedule of the tenement bearing No. 14/1, S-HIG-D-TF, 5th phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 is bounded on: **East** by : Open Space, **West** by : Staircase, **North** by : Flat No.13, **South** by : Open Space. Containing living 3 bedroom, hall, kitchen, Bathroom, toilet, balcony and common staircase approximately measuring 100.36 Sq.mtrs, built are and joint undivided interest / ownership in common space, passage pipes drains and staircase.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:- 1) The Tender form can be collected from The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. (Phone: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976673) on all working days during office hours. 2) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru - payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru latest by 09-02-2026 before 5.00 PM. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. 4) The property "WILL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. 5) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount will be refunded without interest. 6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the bidder including successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. 7) The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders on 10-02-2026 at 11.30 AM. 8) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, by Demand Draft / Pay Order / RTGS / NEFT and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property will be put for re-auction. 9) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory duties / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. 10) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or / bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any of all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. 11) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. 12) The property can be inspected by the intending bidders between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM at their expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. 13) The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy them self about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Phone No: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600 / 22976673) E-Mail ID: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 06-01-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

STATE BANK OF INDIA
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Appendix: IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property
E-AUCTION 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 28.01.2026 for recovery of Rs. 1,73,10,997/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) as on 05.01.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 06.01.2026 with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from Sri. Hem Singh. The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Time & date of e-Auction	Last date submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	Rs. 1,11,00,000/-	Rs. 11,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	11:00 am to 16:00 pm on 28.01.2026	28.01.2026 up to before 10.00 am

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2025-26/161 / Title deed holders: Sri. Hem Singh.
Sale Deed Regd. No. BTM-1-01191-2020-21, CD No. BTMD515, dt.30.07.2020 at SRO: (BTM Layout) Bengaluru.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing Sy. No. 1154 / (Conversion Order No. BDIs: ALN/3(SR)(KT)233/2004-05 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, dated 03.03.2005), in all measuring 1 Acre & 20 guntas, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, vide BBMP Khata No. 4857/1154, Ward No. 198-Hemmingepura, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East** by: Yelamma Temple and Vidyaapeetha land, **West** by: Road & Maramma Temple land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner, **North** by: Buddhanna's land, **South** by: K.R. Tirumiah's land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
Flat No. C-304 (Duplex) in Third Floor in the Apartment building known as "LINEA SUNFLOWER" having a super built up area of 1758 Sq.ft., and containing 3 Bedroom along with an exclusive right to use terrace area of 728 Sq.ft., attached to the flat along with One Exclusive right of use of Covered Car park bearing No. C-304 (super built-up area includes the proportionate share in the common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use).

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the undivided share of 1077.99 Sq.ft., in the "A" Schedule Property.
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance on above property For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e., www.sbi.co.in and website maintained by PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd, <https://baanknet.com>.
Note: Sale of Property is brought under "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity bill, Water bill, pending charges with respect to Association, Transfer of E- Khatha and Property Tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser
Place : Bengaluru
Date : 05.01.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/Tr(OP)/ZMP/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/7800-804 Date: 30.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)
KPTCL invites tenders for the following works on **Partial Turnkey Basis**.

1) Augmentation of 1x6.3MVA Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Arakere KPTCL sub-station in SR Pattana Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 50. Category: OTHERS.
2) Replacement of 2x8MVA Power Transformers by 2x20MVA Power Transformers in V.C. Farm KPTCL sub-station in Mandya Taluk and District. Call-2. Roster No. 55. Category: CAT-II(A).
3) Replacement of 1x8 MVA Power Transformer by 1x20MVA Power Transformer at Haradanahalli 66/11kV KPTCL sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 44. Category: OTHERS.
4) Replacement of 1x8MVA Power Transformer-1 by 1x12.5MVA Power Transformer at Huyygonahalli 220/66/11kV sub-station in KR Pete Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 56. Category: OTHERS.
5) Replacement of 1X8 MVA Power Transformer by 1x20 MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Adichunchanagiri (A.C. Giri) KPTCL sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 60. Category: OTHERS.
6) Replacement of 1X8 MVA Power Transformer by 1X20 MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Chinakurali KPTCL sub-station in Panadavapura Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 47. Category: OTHERS.
7) Replacement of 1x8MVA Power Transformer by 1x20MVA Power Transformer at 66/11 KV Ganjigere KPTCL sub-station in KR Pete Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 63. Category: CAT-II(A).
8) Replacement of 1x6.3MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer at 220/ 66/11kV Tubinakere KPTCL sub-station in Mandya Taluk and District. Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 58. Category: OTHERS.
9) Replacement of 1X8 MVA Power Transformer by 1x20 MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Anegola KPTCL sub-station in KR Pete Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 49. Category: SC.
10) Augmentation of 1x6.3MVA and 1x12.5MVA Power Transformer by 2x20MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Belagola KPTCL sub-station in Srirangapattana Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 59. Category: SC.
11) Replacement of 1x8MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer-2 By 1x20MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer in 66/11kV Doddabadarahalli KPTCL sub-station in Pandavapura Taluk Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 45. Category: CAT-II(A).
12) Replacement of 2x12.5MVA Power Transformers-1&2 by 2x20MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Addihalli KPTCL sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 46. Category: SC.
13) Replacement of 1x8MVA Power Transformer by 1x20MVA Power Transformer in 66/11kV Kolakaranadoddi KPTCL sub-station in Mandya Taluk and District. Call-2. Roster No. 64. Category: OTHERS.
14) Replacement of 2x12.5MVA Power Transformers by 2x20MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV BG Nagara KPTCL sub-station in Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 36. Category: OTHERS.
15) Replacement of 2x12.5MVA Power Transformers by 2x20MVA Power Transformers at 66/11kV Pandavapura sub-station in Panadavapura Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 54. Category: OTHERS.
16) Replacement of 2X12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV Bettadapura sub-station in Periyapattana Taluk, Mysuru District. Call-2. Roster No. 43. Category: OTHERS.
17) Augmentation of 2X8 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV DMG Halli sub-station in Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District. Call-2. Roster No. 48. Category: OTHERS.
18) Augmentation of 1X12.5 MVA and 1X8MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV Hanagodu sub-station in Hunasuru Taluk, Mysuru District. Call-2. Roster No. 62. Category: ST.
19) Augmentation of 2X12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV Megalapura sub-station in Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District. Call-2. Roster No. 57. Category: CAT-I.
20) Augmentation of 2X8 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV K Honnalgere sub-station in Madduru Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 53. Category: SC.
21) Augmentation of 2X12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV Dundanahalli sub-station in Maddur Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 65. Category: OTHERS.
22) Augmentation of 1X8 MVA and 1X12.5 MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV B G Pura sub-station in Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 51. Category: CAT-IIA.
23) Augmentation of 1X12.5 MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers by 1X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV Koppa sub-station in Maddur Taluk, Mandya District. Call-2. Roster No. 41. Category: SC.
24) Augmentation of 2x12.5MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers in 66/11kV Kirugavalu KPTCL sub-station in Malavalli Taluk Mandya District. Call-2. Category: OTHERS.
25) Replacement of 1x12.5MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA 66/11kV Transformer at 66/11kV KM Doddi KPTCL sub-station in Madduru Taluk Mandya District. Call-2. Category: OTHERS.

For all the above works including supply of all matching materials/equipments (except 66/11kV Power Transformer and 11kV switchgear) and erection & including civil works of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning.

The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" OR <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or after 08.01.2026. More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasanna Bhavana, Ground Floor, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-7.

LABOUR RULES MUST BALANCE STAKEHOLDER RIGHTS MORE EQUITABLY

THE draft rules released recently to put muscle on the framework of the four labour codes have hardened some of mechanisms notified in the codes last November. The codes that replace 29 legacy labour laws—on wages, industrial relations, occupational safety and social security—have been hanging fire since 2020, when they were passed by parliament. To make them operational, the rules now need to be finalised after taking on board the feedback received in the next few weeks.

At first glance, the proposed rules make the codes—promulgated to streamline laws and improve compliance, among other things—require excessive documentation, making implementation cumbersome. They propose stricter norms on minimum wages, with detailed provisions for calculating a ‘living’ wage. However, these include a minimum calorific equivalent of food under a calculation that has not been updated since 1957. By mandating that basic pay must be at least half the total compensation, they reduce the take-home amount even while guaranteeing delayed income like provident fund and gratuity. Significantly, the rules omit specifying the daily hours of work, leaving it to the states to notify limits. This effectively rolls back the historically-accepted eight-hour working day and opens the door for longer workdays that several state legislatures have cleared in the recent past.

The positive features include an Aadhaar-linked registration for unorganised workers aged 16 and above. This will enable them to access social security benefits across states even when they change employer or occupation. However, while re-balancing the rights of employers and employees, the aim seems to be to ensure a greater flexibility for the former. For instance, the paperwork and conciliation processes for holding a legal strike are so elaborate that it would be impossible to do so within 150 days of giving notice. On the other hand, no government permission would be required for lay-offs and closure for units with less than 300 workers. The rules, while extending some security to gig workers, make it tougher for them to seek benefits by requiring them be employed for at least 90 or 120 days with one or multiple platforms.

Now that the draft rules are open for feedback, this is the time to make them more equitable before they are set in stone. While doing so, the tough reality facing the average Indian worker must be borne in mind.

IMPRACTICAL DEADLINES TO FOLLOW NORMS DON’T HELP

A ‘No pollution certificate, no fuel’ notice by the Odisha government has made vehicle owners line up before pollution testing centres across the state. People can be seen on serpentine queues, braving the chill and, ironically, the poor air quality to get their pollution under control certificates (PUCs). A massive backlash forced the BJP government to put off the deadline twice in a week. However, at a time pollution has emerged as a matter of grave concern, a staggering 78 percent of the 93 lakh vehicles in Odisha were found not to have valid PUCs. Even the state police, which plies over 10,000 vehicles, had no clue of their PUC status.

The recent action started when a Supreme Court panel flagged the state’s low level of compliance. After being put on notice, on December 20, the commerce and transport department shot off letters to oil companies to deny fuel to any car lacking a valid PUC. Two days later, it set a January 1 deadline—and that’s when things started going south. Faced with criticism, the government shifted the deadline to January 31, but the ordeal of car owners continued. People queued up forsaking daily work and endured hours of painstaking wait as the testing centres struggled to cope with the heavy turnout. Finally, the administration pushed the deadline to March 31.

Compliance is extremely critical to check vehicular pollution, more so when air-quality indices have shown unprecedented deterioration in the state. But equally important is empathy. Expecting the owners of over 70 lakh vehicles to obtain PUCs from about 850 testing centres in 10 days was nothing short of administrative senselessness in the first place. The crisis also exposed the poor enforcement framework that led to the pile-up in compliance. It is imperative that the government goes after motor vehicle rule violators given the enormity of road safety and pollution issues, but enforcement must be a sustained round-the-year strategy to be effective. The government must also learn from the past. Last year, its attempt to implement e-KYC verification of ration card holders within a short deadline had led to a similar human crisis. The well-intentioned exercise to weed out ghost beneficiaries is getting extended even now.

QUICK TAKE

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INDIAN police and armed forces often tie themselves up in knots over tattoos. The rules—which vary between states and forces—mostly proscribe large, visible and offensive markings, exempting members of tribal communities under some conditions. But things can get more complicated for those desperate to get into the forces. The Calcutta High Court recently ruled that an appellant could not reapply for a job with the Central Armed Police Forces after removing a tattoo. In a separate case, the Delhi High Court asked if such specific prescriptions are necessary today. Maybe an amendment to the tattoo policy the Delhi Police issued a few years ago can show the way—they proposed that as “it is imperative to attract candidates from all parts of the country”, the rules need to be updated.

TAKING Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores out of their Caracas home in the middle of the night and transporting them across land, air and water to New York City was a wild script that only Trumpian realism could produce. Reason, cultivated by decency and diplomacy, cannot easily delineate why the US government did what it did, and how much more it wishes to unsettle the world.

Many have tried to argue that the US has lost its moral authority from this one act of extravagant crudity and ruthlessness. But one wonders if the US, over the past century, ever aspired to moral authority. It has been singularly obsessed with unqualified authority, sans frontier, backed by the dollar and military machines. An Epsteinian metaphorical strand of deceit, which carries the power to consume even conscience-keepers like Noam Chomsky, has perhaps always been part of this worldview.

Perhaps it is only weak countries that aspire to moral authority. Henry Kissinger, the controversial American diplomat who normalised the US foreign policy of regime changes in Latin America and across the globe, had an interesting comment on India’s foreign policy under Jawaharlal Nehru. This was after Indira Gandhi had visited the US in November 1971 during Richard Nixon’s first presidential term, and had famously not gotten along with him.

Kissinger wrote: “We took at face value Nehru’s claim to be a neutral arbiter of world affairs. We hardly noticed that this was precisely the policy by which a weak nation seeks influence out of proportion to its strength.” Further extending his reading to Indira Gandhi, he said that “her almost hereditary moral superiority” and “moral pretensions” irritated Nixon. Forwarding moral currency, it could be assumed, has been viewed as a sign of camouflaged poverty by the US. Therefore, it would naturally not be bothered about moral authority.

Since we are speaking about Indira Gandhi, it may be instructive to mention a pestering thought and a lurking fear that occupied her mind in the early 1970s. It has resonance today, when Maduro has just been ‘abducted’ by the US. According to people who worked closely with Indira Gandhi, she thought over 50 years ago that she could similarly be dislodged by the US with the help of the “notorious” Central Intelligence Agency. She seriously entertained the thought that there was a “foreign hand” fomenting trouble

The abduction of Nicolás Maduro follows an old US playbook. Indira Gandhi worried of suffering a fate similar to that of Salvador Allende, who was removed in a CIA-backed coup in 1973

THE ‘FOREIGN HAND’ THAT MADE INDIRA PARANOID

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in India, designed to end her rule.

The idea strengthened in Indira Gandhi’s mind after what happened in Chile, a country south of Venezuela on the Latin American map. In a CIA-backed operation in September 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende was killed and a puppet regime under General Augusto Pinochet was installed. Indira Gandhi imagined that the fate of Allende, a fiercely independent socialist, could become her fate as well.

Indira Gandhi had by then antagonised Nixon, who was behind the fall of Allende. The 1971 war with Pakistan, which led to the creation of Bangladesh, had upset the US’s strategic plans in South Asia. India had exploded a nuclear device in May 1974 to the chagrin and shock of the US. Plus, India’s growing ideological alignment with the erstwhile Soviet Union

had led to Cold War suspicions and frostiness. India as a poor country under Indira Gandhi, with what Kissinger described as her “moody silences” and “moral views”, had exasperated the US.

One of Indira Gandhi’s closest advisors, P N Dhar, in his 2000 book titled *Indira Gandhi, The Emergency, and Indian Democracy*, wrote: “Indira Gandhi herself had apprehensions of foreign involvement in the affairs of the country on the pattern of what had happened in Chile... According to syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, the International Telephone and Telegraph Company (an American multinational) and the CIA had organised Allende’s overthrow in 1973. Indira Gandhi believed every word that Jack Anderson wrote on Chilean affairs. Since she herself was known to be high on Nixon’s hate-list, she had become

FRONTIER TECH IN A BUBBLE WRAP

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corporate bonds, \$150 billion in asset-backed securities, and \$350 billion through private equity and auxiliary channels. This composition may be a classic signal of a maturing bubble. The marginal dollar is no longer funded from generated cash, but borrowed liquidity.

For instance, Meta’s Hyperion complex, a 500-megawatt data centre, was financed with a \$30-billion package. The key financier for the Oracle-OpenAI Sargate facility, which required a \$10-billion loan, backed out last month.



The artificial intelligence financing model is increasingly looking like a bubble. Borrowed funds are driving a massive expansion in power-hungry AI data centres as investors follow the herd. Making things complicated is circular financing between the big players

A Vantage Jacquard deal for two gigawatt-scale centres in the US was underwritten by a \$38-billion lending syndicate involving more than 30 banks.

Bubbles expand until liquidity becomes scarce. When companies that could once self-fund begin tapping global debt markets to maintain AI momentum, the liquidity engine sustaining expectations becomes vulnerable to exhaustion.

Complicating this is the rise of circular financing. Oracle leases a 1.2-GW facility whose viability depends on OpenAI generating roughly \$300 billion in long-term revenues. Nvidia invests up to \$100 billion in OpenAI, which in turn buys Nvidia chips and deploys Nvidia-powered computers in data centres financed

by investors whose returns depend on these same hyperscalers meeting ambitious AI adoption curves. AMD offers OpenAI warrants to buy up to 10 percent of AMD stock at deep discounts in exchange for volume commitments.

These loops are legal, sophisticated and sometimes efficient. But they intertwine the ecosystem’s balance sheets in ways that obscure counterparty exposure. It means a small revenue disappointment could propagate through equity markets, private-credit vehicles, cloud-infrastructure leasing, municipal tax bases and even household wealth accounts.

The macro-concentration amplifies this. AI-linked stocks now comprise 48.9 percent of S&P500’s market cap, surpassing the 43.8 percent peak of the dot-com era. Equity constitutes 32 percent of American household wealth, and nearly half of the past year’s wealth gains came from AI-adjacent stocks. A correction on the scale of the early-2000s’ episode would erase roughly 8 percent of US household net worth, which historical consumption elasticities suggest would reduce GDP by 1.6 percent, enough to tip a fragile economy into recession.

Meanwhile, the behavioural signatures are unmistakably bubble-like. Corporate boards no longer ask, what is the return on your AI investments? They ask, what is your AI plan? OpenAI speaks of needing 26 GW of compute power (about \$1.5 trillion in capex) while still running core products at a loss even on \$200-a-month subscriptions. Meta forecasts “notably larger” capex without concrete monetisation. OpenAI CEO Sam Altman admits “many parts of AI are bubble-y right now”. And yet, spending accelerates because the strategic cost of under-investing now exceeds financial risk of over-investing.

While AI is grounded in genuine technological progress, real demand for computing power and transformative long-term potential. But the financial architecture being built atop it is increasingly fragile. And as history repeatedly reminds us, fragility is the prick that bursts bubbles.

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apprehensive of what she called ‘the foreign hand’. Intelligence reports about plots to overthrow Mujib’s government in Bangladesh added to her fears.” Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated on India’s Independence Day in 1975.

Indira Gandhi’s biographer Katherine Frank also wrote that her protagonist was “genuinely afraid that she would be overthrown and destroyed” in the same manner as Allende. This fear of a CIA-backed ouster was different from one that had enveloped Indira Gandhi’s mind soon after the victory over Pakistan in 1971. She had then asked General Sam Manekshaw, point blank, if he intended to take over from her soon, as rumours to the effect were rife in Delhi.

Indira Gandhi’s apprehension—since 1973, till the point the Emergency was proclaimed and later—was that the movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan had American support and dollars. She was unwilling to concede that it was a fund-starved, home-grown movement largely of her own making. The media attention that J P got in the US in 1974 made her even more suspicious. Her contention was that the same US had been indifferent to J P in 1971 when he had campaigned for the freedom of Bangladesh.

Indira Gandhi had also told West Bengal Chief Minister Siddhartha Shankar Ray and UK’s Labour Party leader Michael Foot that she did not “want to suffer the fate of Allende”. Two other warnings of the US’s alleged intentions against her are said to have come from Cuban President Fidel Castro and USSR leader Leonid Brezhnev. Castro had apparently told her “You are next” during his stopover in Delhi on 17 September 1973 on his way to North Vietnam. This was less than a week after Allende had been assassinated. Indira Gandhi received Castro and saw him off at the airport with her entire family in attendance.

Indira Gandhi had met Allende twice. Once at an international conference in 1971 and earlier, in 1968, in Chile before he became president. Three years after he was assassinated, in 1974, Indira Gandhi hosted his widow and daughter, Hortensia and Isabel Allende, in New Delhi. That was about solidarity, signaling to the US and courage.

In terms of details and modus operandi, Maduro’s fate has been very different from that of Allende in 1973. The exact scenarios that Indira Gandhi had imagined about her possible overthrow remain undocumented for history.

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Creative spark

Ref: *Rewriting the book of jobs* (Jan 6). Quality of life and job security in India do not run parallel with its development. Public funding may introduce hope, but failure of startup ideas extinguish that flame. Job creation must begin from the ground up by allowing young minds to be creative from the school level.
Tanusri Yadavalli, Bengaluru

Skilling panchayats

Self employment is a wonderful concept but it has its flaws. Required manpower needs to be identified for every domain and trained to suit the need. Skill centres in each panchayat managed by abled educators is the need of the hour. Public-private partnership may allow it to see light soon.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Tourism renewal

Ref: *Incredible Indian heritage* (Jan 6). Despite global tensions hurting tourism, India’s heritage offers a powerful revival path. West Bengal’s success shows that intangible culture can attract interest worldwide. A renewed, imaginative Incredible India campaign could convert cultural pride into economic momentum and global interest.
Anushka Anand, email

Diplomatic pendulum

Ref: *Can raise tariffs on India very quickly, warns Trump* (Jan 6). India’s leadership has been swinging between America and Russia like a pendulum. US President Trump’s tariff war swung us towards Russian President Putin. If Putin hits back asking us to oblige on China, would we swing back?
Chetan Datta Poduri, Hyderabad

Crypto literacy

Ref: *The devil in crypto details* (Jan 6). Many people trust crypto platforms without fully understanding how they work. When these platforms fail, users often lose money. Stronger regulations are needed to curb these unfair practices and protect everyday investor
Thulaib Olavattu, email

Honouring literature

Ref: *The book is not just the story of Syeda* (Jan 6). The Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman awards for mesmerising written works motivate many unheralded writers to write. *The New Indian Express* continues to honour the reservoir of human experience as highlighted through the enriching words of the awarded literary works.
C P Rabinathan, Madurai

Maximum seizure of AK series guns in '25

Recovery of detonators jumped from 220 in 2024 to 804 last year, indicating increasing use of IEDs by terrorists

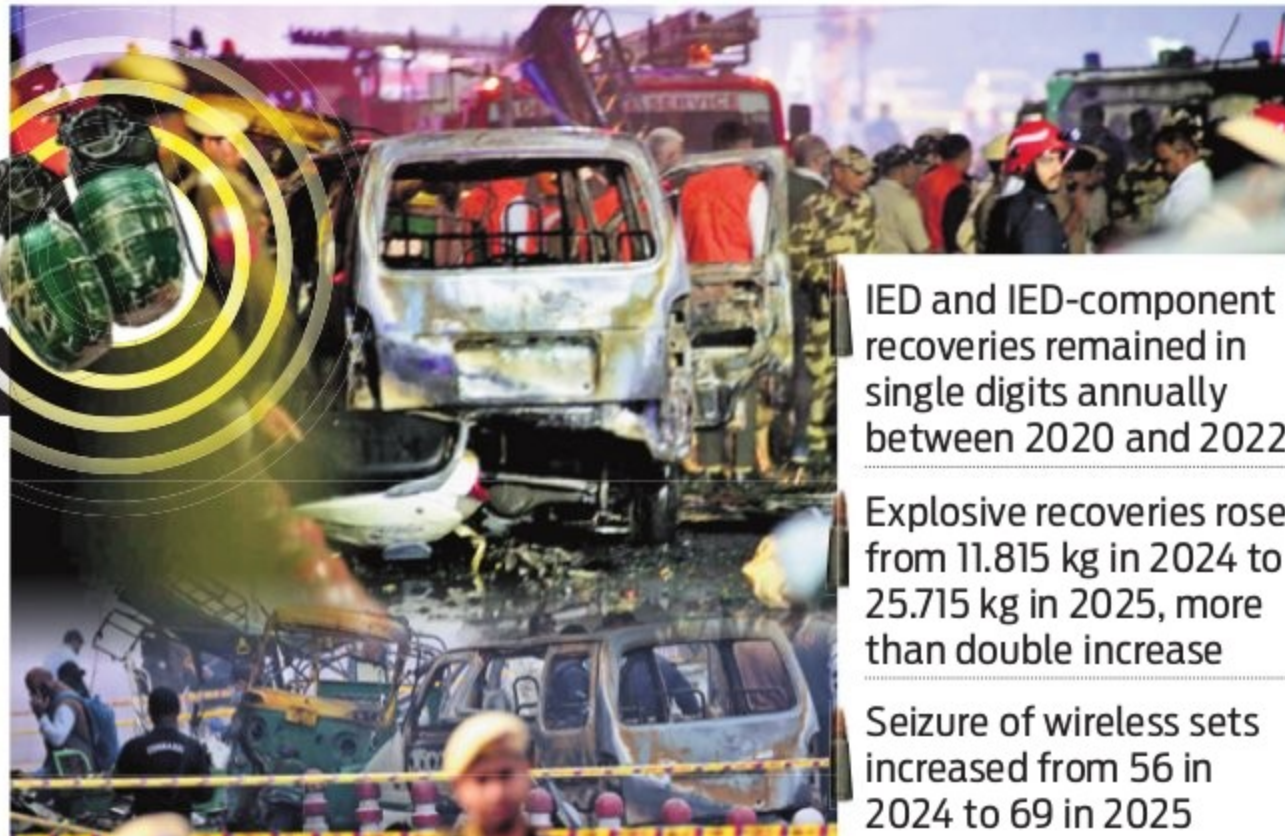
MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

EVEN as 2025 witnessed two deadly terror attacks in Pahal-gam, J&K and Red Fort in Delhi – the year also saw the highest number of arms, ammunition, IEDs and explosive seizures in the country.

Government data shows that AK-series weapon recoveries, a key firearm used by militants, increased more than three-fold in 2025. After remaining in low double digits for several years, AK-series seizures rose from 13 in 2024 to 40 in 2025, the highest recovery since 2020, pointing towards renewed attempts by terror modules to create troubles with military-grade assault rifles in the country, official sources said.

The Border Security Force (BSF), which guards India's borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, has compiled the data and shared it with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), sources said, adding that the trend showed that the country's adversaries have continuously been planning to push arms and have been making concerted efforts to create war-like arms store.

The five year data revealed that AK-series weapons, ammunition-linked material, IED components and explosives have risen sharply till November 30, 2025, which showed a se-



rious escalation in the past as many years, they said.

It is to be noted here that in Pahalgam, terrorists targeted civilians and security personnel with AK-series weapons and this showed how their operational capability has gone up. Later in the Delhi blast, which jolted the National Capital and the country as a whole, terrorists used IED, which again exposed the vulnerability of urban centres with such explosives. Investigators in both cases pointed to the use of locally assembled explosives and sophisticated weapons, trends that closely mirror the surge seen in border recoveries, sources in the security agencies said.

According to the official sources, the data established one fact that terrorists' ability to strike has gone up with the high number of AK-series weapons in 2025, which has gone up three-fold, which is highest since 2020. This pointed towards renewed push to arm terror modules with military-grade assault rifles.

Recoveries of assorted magazines (MAG), essential for sustaining automatic fire, have also gone up from 187 in 2024 to 1,127 in 2025, a nearly six-fold increase, they said, adding that this surge indicates bulk ammunition supply chains, rather than sporadic smuggling attempts.

The increase in the capacity

of terrorists in IED making is also indicated with the seizures of detonators, which jumped 220 in 2024 to 804 in 2025, registering a 265 percent year-on-year hike, they said, adding that while IED and IED-component recoveries remained in single digits annually between 2020 and 2022.

The escalation is further reflected in explosive seizures, which reached their highest level in the five-year period. The data showed explosive recoveries rising from 11.815 kg in 2024 to 25.715 kg in 2025, which was more than double.

Even the seizure of wireless sets, which are used for coordination and command, also showed an upward trend. It in-

creased from 56 wireless sets in 2024 to 69 in 2025.

Security experts feel that such a large seizure of military-level terror hardware in 2025 indicated how organisers of terrorism from across the borders have making coordinated and well-resourced efforts to push them into India posing a serious threat. They also warned that seized weapons may be just the tip of an iceberg, as they only those, which could be intercepted.

However, the experts said, still the BSF has done a commendable job given the fact that it guards India's most difficult borders, particularly with Pakistan, which wants to 'bleed India with a thousand cuts'.

Another Hindu man killed in B'desh, second in 24 hours

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

A 40-year-old Hindu man was allegedly killed in Bangladesh on Monday night after unidentified attackers struck him with sharp weapons in the second such incident involving a Hindu businessman in the country within 24 hours, police and local media said.

Sarat Mani Chakraborty, also known as Moni Chakraborty, a grocery shop owner, was attacked at Charsindhur Bazar in Palash Upazila of Narsingdi district around 10-11 pm on Monday, bdnews24 reported. Palash Police Station officer-in-charge Shahed Al Mamun said Chakraborty was the son of Madan Thakur, a resident of Sadharchar Union in Shibpur upazila.

Police and local residents said Chakraborty was returning home after closing his business when unidentified attackers struck him with a sharp weapon. He collapsed on the spot and was rushed by locals to the Palash Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead. Police said probe has been launched to identify and



arrest those responsible.

Traders at Charsindhur Bazar described Chakraborty as a quiet, well-known businessman with no known disputes. His killing in a public marketplace has triggered fear among minorities in the area, with community members saying they now feel unsafe and demanding swift arrests and punishment.

The killing came just hours after another Hindu businessman, Rana Pratap, was shot dead in Jashore district on Monday evening. According to reports, Pratap, a factory owner and the acting editor of a local newspaper, was shot in the head and had his throat slit at Kapalia Bazaar around 5:45 pm. Seven bullet casings were recovered from the scene.

The two killings are part of a broader pattern of recent violent attacks against minorities, particularly Hindus, who make up about seven percent of Bangladesh's population. Khokon Chandra Das, 50, died on January 3 after being brutally attacked and set on fire following the closure of his medicine and mobile banking shop. On December 29, Bajendra Biswas (40), a member of the Ansar Bahini, was killed by a colleague at a garment factory in Bhaluka. Earlier, Amrit Mondal (29) was lynched in Rajbari on December 24, while Dipu Chandra Das (29) was lynched and set on fire over alleged blasphemy in My-mensingh on December 18.

India has constantly expressed "grave concern" over what it described as unremitting hostility against minorities in Bangladesh. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said more than 2,900 incidents of violence against Hindus, Christians, and Buddhists have been documented by independent sources during the tenure of the interim government.

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the registrars general of all high courts to submit status reports on the constitution of gender sensitisation and internal complaints committees (GSICC) aimed at preventing sexual harassment of women and transgender persons.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joyimalya Bagchi was hearing a writ petition seeking directions for the effective implementation of the Vishaka Guidelines, including the setting up of internal complaints committees across high courts and district courts of the country.

"Issue notice, the registrars general of the high courts identified shall file respective status reports as to whether committees in gender sensitisation and for taking actions against sexual harassment of women and transgenders person have been constituted in all the high courts/district courts, tribunal courts and other allied courts, as well as the bar associations at all levels," the court said in its order.

Senior advocate Sonia Math-

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC rejects PIL on Lyngdoh committee

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea seeking implementation of the 2006 Lyngdoh Committee Report, which lays down the regulatory framework for student union elections in colleges and universities across the country. The central government, acting on the directive of the SC, had formed the Lyngdoh Committee.

Naxal sympathiser granted interim bail

The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to alleged Naxal sympathiser Kailash Ramchandani in the sensational case related to the killing of 15 policemen in an IED blast in 2019 at Gadchiroli in Maharashtra. The interim bail was granted by a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joyimalya Bagchi.

ur, appearing for the petitioner, submitted a chart before the court showing significant gaps in compliance. "There are seven high courts where no guidelines or regulations were made," she said. "The present writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution is filed by a woman lawyer practising before various courts across the country, seeking enforcement of her fundamental rights to equality, dignity and a safe working environment within court premises," she said.

"The petitioner seeks appropriate directions to ensure that

all the high courts, district courts, tribunals and other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies establish effective internal mechanisms for prevention and redressal of incidents of harassment against women lawyers, interns, litigants and other court users," the plea filed by Geeta Rani said.

It said the Supreme Court has already taken proactive steps by constituting the gender sensitisation and internal complaints committee (within the Supreme Court for members of the Bar and for all stakeholders involved).

SC warns against 'rich accused' assailing law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NOTING that the trend of rich accused challenging the validity of law must stop, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the plea of a lawyer facing money laundering charges in connection with the AgustaWestland VVIP helicopter deal challenging the validity of a provision of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

"Just because I am rich, I will challenge the validity of the law... this practice must stop," observed the two-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joyimalya Bagchi. Lawyer Gautam Khaitan has challenged Section 44(1)(c) of the (PMLA).

The Chief Justice of India, while declining to pass any order on Khaitan's plea, said that the accused should face trial like any other ordinary citizen, instead of trying to bypass the entire system.

Urban women fight stigma on breastfeeding

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

BREASTFEEDING is essential for both mother and infant, but many urban women in India struggle with stigma and discomfort when doing it in public spaces, a latest study has found. The study, published in Preventive Medicine: Research and Reviews, said the main challenge was the sexualisation of breasts in urban India, which led to feelings of discomfort, shame, and fear of judgment.

"The study found that breastfeeding in public is not a natural or comfortable experience for many urban women. It is something they must carefully plan, negotiate, and emotionally manage," Dr Nupur Bidla, the principal author of the study, told this paper.

It found that urban Indian women want to breastfeed anytime, anywhere, which does not necessarily require an assigned space. "But she wants a healthy, normalised environment and people around that do not make the woman feel judged," said Dr Bidla, who is also Central Coordinator of Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPN), a 32-year-old organisation working to promote exclusive breastfeeding in the country.



Highlighting the importance of incorporating breastfeeding counselling for women, the study said that social, cultural, and psychological barriers can be addressed at an early stage to empower women and their partners to overcome inhibitions related to public breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding is the most beneficial form of infant nutrition in the first year of life. Yet in India, despite 88.6% institutional births, only 41.8% initiate breastfeeding and 63.7% exclusively breastfeed. This has improved over the years, but remains low.

CHILDCARE DILEMMA

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Despite government promotion of breastfeeding, women commonly limit outings during breastfeeding months due to discomfort, fear of sexualisation, or past negative experiences

Clothing played a key role in shaping public perceptions of breastfeeding

Dupattas, covers, and specially designed outfits offered women a sense of modesty and social acceptance

In contrast, traditional or tight outfits (such as lehengas) made feeding more challenging

Constantly anticipating reactions and adjusting their behaviour takes emotional and mental labour from women

Urgent need for mindset change—to normalise breastfeeding in public as a natural and essential act—so that women are supported by society, policy

The study stressed that unless breastfeeding, considered to be a preventive strategy against child morbidity and mortality, does not become socially acceptable across settings, its full protective potential cannot be realised.

"This qualitative study shows that breastfeeding in public is far from a natural or comfortable experience for many urban women. Instead, it involves constant planning, emotional labour, and coping strategies—using dupattas as covers, choosing discreet seating, feeding before stepping out, or organising daily rou-

tines around feeding schedules or avoiding going out of the house," she said.

She said there is an urgent need for a mindset change - to normalise breastfeeding in public as a natural and essential act - so that women no longer have to adapt themselves to hostile spaces, but are supported by society, policy, and infrastructure.

"What often goes unnoticed is the emotional and mental labour women perform while breastfeeding in public, constantly anticipating reactions and adjusting their behaviour," Dr Bidla added.

Attempts made to destroy Indian languages have failed, says Pradhan

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

UNION Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday said that education from pre-school upto advanced research studies must be in Indian languages. The National Education Policy 2020 has recommended that the country will progress better if education is imparted in Indian languages, he added.

Pradhan was speaking after launching 55 literary works in the five classical languages of Odia, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. Among them were 41 books developed by the Centres of Excellence for Classical Languages under the Central Institute of Indian Languages and the Sign Language series on the revered Tamil literary piece, Tirukkural, brought out by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil. "Efforts are underway by the government to prioritise classical languages," he said.

Five more languages were categorised last year as Indian classical languages - Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali. "India's languages



'Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti'

Elaborating on steps taken by the ministry to promote Indian languages, Pradhan said that a Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti was constituted by the Centre since the goal of 2047 Viksit Bharat is to further enhance the importance of Indian languages.

An initiative is underway to provide education up to class 5 in the mother tongue. Pradhan later told the media, "Engineering and Medical courses have been designed in Indian languages. Indian language-based legal language is being drafted for the courts in India. PM Modi has said that we have to change the Macaulay mindset. The most impactful instrument to change Macaulay mindset is through Indian languages."

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connect society. There are thousands of languages in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi states that all Indian languages are national languages," he added.

Indian languages have stood the test of time despite the attempts to destroy them, the Minister said. "They serve as a

unifying force in the country," he added.

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TMC, C'garh cops trade charges over assault of migrant workers

Labourers from minority community originally belong to Purulia dist

SUBHENDU MAITI & EJAZ KAISER
@ Kolkata/ Raipur

AN incident of assault on migrant workers from West Bengal has come to light in BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh, prompting the Trinamool Congress to intensify its protest against what it calls the regular targeting of Bengali-speaking labourers on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals. The latest case involves eight migrant workers from the minority community, all residents of Chepri village in Purulia, who had been working at a bakery in Surajpur for the past few months.

According to sources, tension flared on Sunday after the workers had a heated argument with the bakery management over pending wages. Soon after, a group of local Bajrang Dal activists allegedly rushed to the spot and assaulted the workers with batons, suspecting them to be Bengali-speaking Bangladeshi immigrants. One of the victims suffered a fracture in his right hand.

Police intervened, rescued the injured workers and later contacted the Purulia district police to verify their identities. Sheikh Iqbal, a TMC leader from Chepri village, said, "One police personnel from Katowali police station in Surajpur informed me about the incident, seeking to know about the de-



tails of the eight migrant workers. We collected all documents from the families of the eight hapless victims and submitted all papers to the police."

On Monday, the Surajpur police said the eight workers were briefly detained for questioning after Bajrang Dal activists filed a complaint to a toll-free number. Surajpur SP Prashant Thakur said, "We got a complaint on a toll-free number from a group of local Bajrang Dal activists who suspected them of being illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. We verified the identities of all eight with the police in Purulia, and also cross-checked their credentials. They were found to be bona fide and allowed to go." He added that no formal complaint of assault had been received.

The state has also set up a toll-free number to report suspected illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, similar attacks on migrant workers from Bengal have been reported in Odisha. On Sunday, a migrant labourer from Murshidabad was allegedly assaulted in Sambalpur, leaving one of his arms fractured. Expressing concern, Congress Working Committee member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury rushed to Sambalpur, met affected workers, and assured them of legal support.

About 11 days ago, 30-year-old Jewel Rana from Murshidabad was allegedly killed in Sambalpur. Police said he was attacked after a minor altercation and later died during treatment. Bengal police registered a zero FIR and sent a team to Odisha to investigate. Mamata Banerjee condemned the incidents as "brutal oppression, harassment and violence" against Bengali-speaking people in BJP-ruled states.

Manipur hands over twin blast case to NIA

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government has handed over the twin blast case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

An IED went off at an abandoned house on Monday, and later, another blast occurred nearby. Two civilians had sustained splinter injuries in their legs in the second blast. The explosions took place near the border of Bishnupur and Churachandpur districts.

"Senior police officers of Bishnupur district visited the blast sites to take stock of the situation. Combing and search operations are being carried out in the adjoining areas," Manipur police said.

The police further stated that security had been strengthened to prevent escalation of violence. Meanwhile, BJP legislator and former minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said foreign agencies might try to take advantage of the Meitei-Kuki conflict to foment trouble. He said the blasts occurred at a time when civil society organisations were trying hard for the return of peace in the state.

Police added that further investigation is underway.

Committed to better edu, health, roads & drinking water in Bastar, says CM

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

PANCHAYAT representatives from the remote gram panchayats of Sukma district, in a public exposure tour scheme under Hamar Chhattisgarh Jan Bhraman Yojana, paid a courtesy call to CM Vishnu Deo Sai at the state secretariat in Nava Raipur on Tuesday.

Sai interacted with the panchayat representatives, discussed their well-being and development of the Bastar region. Around 100 panchayat representatives from various remote gram panchayats have arrived in Raipur on a two-day visit, said the government spokesperson. "The state government is continuously working to deliver basic facilities such as education, healthcare, roads, electricity and drinking water to every village in Bastar. All-round development of the Bastar region remains our top priority", the CM told the visitors.

During the course of discussions with the public representatives, he said that development works are being carried out at a rapid pace in the Bastar region and security base camps are be-



ing established in remote areas, which is providing both security and momentum to various development activities.

"The fair price shops have been established in most villages and the benefits of public welfare schemes are effectively reaching common people. In the near future, the Bastar region will be completely free from Maoists' menace. The state government is continuously striving towards the goal of making Bastar self-reliant", Sai added.

Public representatives from the Bastar are being given opportunities to visit the state capital to get inspired by observing various developmental works in Raipur and later promote comprehensive development in their respective areas.

EC using apps made by BJP's IT cell: Mamata

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

A day after announcing that her government would challenge the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the Supreme Court, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday alleged that the Election Commission of India (EC) is using the apps developed by the BJP's IT cell.

"The Commission is doing it (SIR) all wrong. The living voters are pronounced dead. The elderly and ailing ones on oxygen support systems are being summoned for hearings on SIR issues," Mamata alleged. TMC led by the party supremo Mamata has been on the warpath with the Commission over the SIR issue and accused the central poll panel of working in collusion with the BJP. "The apps they are using have been made by the BJP's IT cell and are illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic," she said.

The EC, which makes its own apps, had in May last year announced the launch of ECINET to integrate 40 other apps that the commission had released over the years for an improved user interface.

MahaYuti Maha cracks widen as BJP, NCP agree to disagree on corruption

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN an indication of widening rift ahead of the January 15 civic body polls in Maharashtra, NCP leader Ajit Pawar attacked the BJP calling it the most corrupt party, inviting a sharp reaction from the MahaYuti principal ally.

BJP leader and minister Ashish Shelar said on Tuesday that if Deputy CM Ajit Pawar wants to remain in MahaYuti, then he cannot level corruption allegations against the BJP. "If Ajit continues to accuse BJP of corruption, then we will expose the NCP leader," Shelar said.

The rift entered the ideological domain as well. BJP has asked Ajit Pawar to accept the ideology of Hindutva ideologue VD Savarkar, triggering a reaction from the NCP which underlined its commitment to Ambedkarite ideology.

"We are followers of VD Savarkar. Ajit Pawar-led NCP is part of MahaYuti, so it has to accept the thoughts of Savarkar," Shelar said, adding that BJP state party president Ravindra Chavan has made this condition clear.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, reacting to this development, said Ajit Pawar has never opposed the thoughts of Savarkar. "We do not accept the people or party that oppose Savarkar," he said. "As per my



knowledge, Ajit Pawar has never opposed the thinking of Savarkar, and there is no reason for it. We are committed to our ideology, and we will not compromise over it."

NCP leader Amol Mitkar said their party follows the Shahu Phule-Ambedkar's ideology. "Our party will continue to follow this core ideology of Maharashtra," he said. "Shelar is trying to impose their ideology on others, which will not be acceptable to us at all. We are committed to progressive and secular ideology. In fact, we are not accepting your ideology, but it is a fact that you have become bound to follow B R Ambedkar's as a political compulsion," he added.

The fresh outburst is the latest in a series of acrimonious exchanges between the two allies in the run-up to polls to 29 municipal corporations.

HC asks chief secy to appear over water contamination

ANURAAG SINGH @ Indore

COMING down heavily on the Madhya Pradesh government over deaths caused by contaminated water in Indore, the High Court on Tuesday said the incident had hurt the city's reputation as India's cleanest city and made it infamous for supplying poisonous water.

A division bench of Justices Vijay Kumar Shukla and Alok Awasthi was hearing petitions related to deaths and illness in some localities. The bench directed the state chief secretary to address the court through video conferencing on January 15. The court said, "The issue of water is not limited to Indore alone. It is a problem of the entire state." It asked the chief secretary to explain the steps being taken at the state level to prevent water contamination and similar cases elsewhere.

The court also directed the state and Indore authorities to place on record the files related to tenders issued for laying fresh drinking water pipelines, as well as the MP Pollution Control Board report on samples tested in 2017 and 2018. Senior advocate Ajay Bagadia,

LETHAL LAPSES

17 persons died since December 25 due to consumption of contaminated water in Indore

5-month-old baby boy, the only child of a couple, is youngest of the deceased

7 deaths confirmed by authorities, audit of remaining deaths is underway by a committee

Locality falls under senior BJP MLA and state housing minister Kailash Vijayargiya

₹2 LAKH PAID TO EACH BEREAVED FAMILY VIA RED CROSS



PROBE REVEALS
● Bacterial contamination of drinking water
● Sewage mixed with supply lines

INSIDE THE HOSPITAL
429 people hospitalised so far
330 patients discharged
99 patients admitted
16 patients in ICUs

appearing for a petitioner, told the court that the Indore Municipal Corporation's Mayor-in-Council had approved a new pipeline for the Bhagirathpura area in 2022, but the work was not carried out due to the non-release of funds.

Bagadia said that in 2017-18, 60 water samples were collected from different parts of the city, and 59 were found unfit for drinking. Despite this, no corrective action was taken. He ar-

gued that responsible officers were liable both civilly and criminally. The court observed that access to clean drinking water is part of the Right to Life under Article 21 and "cannot be compromised." It warned that liability would be fixed if officials were found guilty.

For immediate relief, the court ordered the supply of safe water through tankers at government cost including city-wide measures.

Greed, glamour & Insta bravado land thieves in Gujarat cop net; cash seized

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

GREED, glamour and careless show-off on social media helped Surat city police crack an ₹11.70 lakh theft case. It began as a small plan to steal copper wire but ended in a flashy crime spree and quick arrests.

The theft took place at Easton Engineering Company in the Udhana area on December 30. According to police, three men cut open the factory's grill late at night and entered the premises quietly. Their original plan was to steal copper wire and sell it for quick money. However, once inside, they stumbled upon bundles of cash worth over ₹11 lakh.

Police said the sight of so much money made the accused "lose their senses". Instead of sticking to their plan, they grabbed the cash and ran. Investigators revealed that the two main accused, Shubham alias Nepali and Deepak alias



Kalia, could not even count the notes. They blindly divided the bundles among themselves and fled. CCTV cameras recorded their entry and exit. "They were clearly seen cutting the grill and entering the factory," a police officer said.

In an attempt to hide the stolen money, Deepak tried a dramatic but foolish trick. With construction work going on at his house, he buried lakhs of rupees inside a pile of sand outside. "We recovered the cash exactly from where it was hidden," an officer said, calling the

move "straight out of a movie but poorly executed."

The biggest mistake was made by the third accused, Anand alias Lucky. Excited by the sudden windfall, he posed with the stolen cash, clicked photos, and uploaded one to Instagram with the caption, "Going to Bombay"

The trio fled to Mumbai, where they spent money freely. Police said they splurged on dancers at a popular bar, booked expensive hotel rooms and bought luxury items. Shubham even stayed at a hotel costing ₹11,000 per night and purchased an expensive camera, leaving behind digital evidence.

Using CCTV footage, social media activity and local inputs, police tracked and arrested all three accused. During the operation, ₹6.05 lakh in cash was recovered, including the money buried in sand.

"They planned a theft," an officer said, "but they advertised their arrest themselves."

Raj row over irregularities in MPLAD schemes

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

EVEN before the controversy surrounding alleged corruption in the MLA Local Area Development (LAD) Fund in Rajasthan could settle, a fresh political storm has erupted over the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD).

In a new twist, the BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya has levelled serious allegations against three state Congress MPs, accusing them of misusing their MPLADS funds. In a post on social media platform X, Malviya alleged that the MPs recommended the use of their MPLADS funds in Haryana's Kaithal Assembly constituency.

According to Malviya, the MPs involved are Sanjana Jatav from Bharatpur, Rahul Kaswan from Churu, and Brijendra Singh Ola from Jhunjhunu. Kaithal is represented by Aditya Surjewala, the son of senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala. In his post questioning the move, Malviya asked why tax-



Bone of contention

CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME LAUNCHED IN 1993

MPs recommend projects only; implemented by administration

Funds are non-lapsable and carried forward if not utilised in a given year.

Allows MPs to recommend development works

It focusses on durable community assets

Based on local needs

payers' money from Rajasthan was being spent in Haryana. He also wondered whether MPLADS funds could be used on the basis of political connections, calling it a betrayal of public trust.

Rajasthan Minister of State for Home Affairs Jawahar Singh Bedham echoed these claims, arguing that the MPLADS guidelines permit an MP to recommend a maximum of ₹25 lakh per year from the ₹5 crore annual allocation for works outside their parliamentary constituency. This limit can be extended up to ₹1 crore only in the case of natural dis-

asters or exceptional circumstances. He alleged that these norms were violated and demanded a thorough probe into the matter.

The Congress MPs concerned, however, have rejected these allegations and maintain that MPs are authorised only to make recommendations under the MPLADS framework.

Also, they pointed out that the Centre revised the MPLADS guidelines on August 13, 2024, increasing the permissible limit for spending outside the parliamentary constituency from ₹25 lakh to ₹50 lakh, a provision they claimed was fol-



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BJP introduces new protocol for Nitin Nabin

BJP has introduced a new protocol for its new national working president, Nitin Nabin, signalling a shift in party's internal culture. Senior leaders have been asked to refrain from addressing him by name, and instead use language that reflects dignity of his office. The new directive, which extends beyond party's headquarters in Delhi emphasises respect for position over personal relationship. Party leaders say it is part of a broader strategy to maintain discipline amid potential organisational changes, including Nabin's elevation to national president. Meanwhile, leaders still prefer to address the national working president by his name.



Saina Nehwal recalls her Bihar association

Legendary badminton player Saina Nehwal recently visited Bihar to instil confidence among sports persons. She recalled her close association with Bihar, where she had won her first national tournament. She also praised Olympic shooter-turned-politician Shreyasi Singh, presently state's sports minister. Bihar is also aspiring to make its presence felt in Olympics 2036. Nehwal promised to impart training to state's promising badminton players and highlighted improvements in state's sport infrastructure. She stressed that structured training could dramatically improve outcomes for Bihar's athletes.

State to launch Beggary Prevention Scheme

The state government has rolled out an ambitious plan for beggars who will be imparted training to turn them into skilled workers. They will be provided accommodation, food and training for a dignified livelihood under Chief Ministers' Beggary Prevention Scheme. Altogether 19 rehabilitation centres have been established for the purpose. Under the scheme, the government will provide financial assistance of ₹10,000 to help them start small business. As per official records, 544 beggars have already been selected for training. It aims to address poverty and social marginalisation by offering practical support.



Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Chethan Sanil (Borrower) Shradha (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00007047411	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immoveable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.78, Katha No.71/2, Formed In Converted Sy No.36/8 (converted From Agricultural To Non-agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Order No.bds.aln.sr/sj/425/2003-04, Dated: 29.01.2004, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, (Bangalore), Situated At Vaddarapalya Village, Kothanur Dhakale, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Within The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.194, Vide Katha No. 301/78-36/8-71/2, Measuring East To West: 50-0 [fifty] Feet And North To South: 76-0 [seventy Six] Feet, In All Measuring 3800 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: North:site No.67 South: 60 Feet Road. Eastsite No.77, West: Site No.79	Rs. 5,33,52,893/- (as on December 26, 2025)	Rs. 4,00,00,000/- Rs. 40,00,000/-	January 08, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. Sharath Chandra Somarla (Borrower) M Radhabai (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LSBNG00006797366 TBBNG00006697616	Item No. 1 All That Piece And Parcel Of Immoveable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39, Carved Out Of Converted Sy.No.244, Originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duty Converted By The Order Of The Deputy Commissioner Vide Order Dated: 15-03-2012, Order No. Bds/aln/(sb)sr 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2612/686/244/39, Measuring East To West: 85+ 77/2 Feet And North To South: 71½+ 65/2 Feet, In All Measuring 5528.25 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By : 30 Feet Road West By: Private Property, North By Site No.39/1: South By Site No.1/1. Item 2 All That Piece And Parcel Of Immoveable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39/1, Carved Out Of Converted Sy. No.244, Originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duty Converted By The Order Of The Deputy Commissioner Vide Order Dated: 15-03-2012, Order No. Bds/aln/(sb)sr 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2614/ 686/ 244/39/1, Measuring East To West: 79-0 [seventy Nine] Feet And North To South: 16-0 [sixteen] Feet, In All Measuring 1264 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By : 30 Feet Road West By : Private Property, North By South By : Private Property : Site No.39.	Rs. 6,13,95,411/- (as on December 26, 2025)	Rs. 4,90,00,000/- Rs. 49,00,000/-	January 08, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
3.	Mr. Akhil Raj V (Borrower) Jyothi H Ms Pulse Medicare Hospital Private Limited (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006516129	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immoveable Property Bearing Site Nos. 22, 39 & 40, Old Property No. 288, New Property No.288/3, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Within The Limits Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No.2800/288/3, Measuring (1) East To West: 40-0 [forty] Feet And North To South: 32-0 [thirty Two Feet And Measuring (2) East To West: 42-0 [forty Two] Feet And North To South: 60-0 [sixty] Feet, In All Totally Measuring 3800 Sq. Ft. And Bounded On The: North: Property Owned By Adithya Birla Garments South: Remaining Portion Of The Same Property, Eastroad West: Property Belongs To Vinodamma,	Rs. 2,88,00,132/- (as on December 26, 2025)	Rs. 2,25,00,000/- Rs. 22,50,000/-	January 08, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (<https://assets.matexauctions.com>) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by January 27, 2026 before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before January 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before January 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 Branch on or before January 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084. Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd., 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd, 5. Gimarsoft Pvt Ltd, 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd, 7. Arca Empt Pvt Ltd, 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd, 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4pds Date : January 07, 2026 Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited) having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ies) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D & E)	(F&G)
Sl No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)	Description of the Immoveable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Date of Auction and Time Reserve Price (Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)
1	Mr. Das Sujoy (Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 1) 629806479 Rs.24,62,255/- 2) 630168479 Rs. 85,676/- 3) 657416477 Rs.2,66,106/- Total Amount Rs.28,14,037/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Thirty Seven Only) as on 31.05.2025	Schedule A: 1. All that piece and parcel immoveable property bearing Survey No. 168 situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, totally measuring Two Acres and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Private Property; North by : Survey No. 169; South by : Remaining portion of land Survey No. 168. 2. All that piece and parcel immoveable property bearing Survey No.169 , situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, totally measuring 31 Guntas (only 18 Guntas used for the project) and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Private Property; North by : Remaining portion of land in Survey No.169; South by : Remaining portion of Gowamma's Land in Survey No. 168; Schedule B: West Facing, Apartment No. 109 on the First Floor of Block "C" of the residential apartment complex known as " SIPANI JARDIN " constructed upon Schedule "A" Property having measuring 65.49 Square Mtrs of carpet area (705 Square Feet) and 85.93 Square Mtrs (925 Square Feet) super built-up area consisting of Two bed rooms, hall, kitchen, balconies and toilets and 3.25 Square Mtrs (35 Square Feet) of garden area and proportionate 40.17 Square Mtrs (432.39 Square feet) of undivided share, title and interest in the land comprised in Schedule A Property, with One Covered car parking space at Stilt floor and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircases and other common facilities. PID No. 150200101800622575.	18.02.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM Physical Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only) Rs.3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
2	Mr. Das Dhaneish (Borrower) Mrs. Gopalakrishnan Reshma (Co-Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 666799574 Rs.59,99,705/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Only) as on 31.05.2025	SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing E-Khatha No. 150200102500420023 (Old V.P. Khatha No. 2296/ 111/1 111/2 153 152 160 164), with Sy. No. 152 measuring 25 guntas, Sy. No. 153 measuring 1 acre, Sy. No. 160 measuring 1 acre 10 guntas, Sy. No. 111/1 measuring 5 acres 24 guntas, Sy. No. 111/2 measuring 2 acres 12 guntas, of Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Sy. No. 164 measuring 20 guntas of Sidi Hosakote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 11 acres 11 guntas bounded on: East by : Border of Honnakalasapura and Sidi Hosakote Villages, West by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 111/1 and Remaining portion of Sy. No. 21, North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 21 and Sy. No. 55, South by : Road. SCHEDULE A: Item No. 1 (Sy No. 111/2): All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy. No. 111/2 of District, Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 2 Acre P12 Guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum on ALN (A)(K&A)/SR/ 148, 149, 270/2007-08 dated 26.02.2008 and bounded East by : Property of Goshalappa and Ramaiah's Land, presently Maddurappa's Land, West by : Ramaswamy's land, North by : Kenchappa's Land; South by : Previously Doddachinniah's land, presently Munithayamma's Land; Item No.2 (Sy No.160): All that piece and parcel of the converted lands in Sy. No. 160 of Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District measuring 1 acre 10 guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN (A) (K & A) SR/61/2014-15 dated 10/11/2014 and bounded on: East by : Sidihoskote Village Boundary and Sri C. Ajay Kumar Land, West by : Sy. No.152, North by : Remaining portion of Sy.No.21, South by : Sy.No.111/2 belonging to Sri C. Ajay Kumar. SCHEDULE B: All the piece and parcel of site property allotted No. 149 , PID No. 150200102500420534, Khatha No.2493/149 in the layout known as "CK ADITHYA" (layout plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority No.APA/LAO/01/12/14-15 dated 20/08/2016 and Release order no. STRRPA/TP/LAO/01/2017-18 dated 14/06/2017 issued by Satellite Town Ring Road Planning Authority) and Amalgamation and Bifurcation No STRRPA/TP/Amalgamation & Bifurcation/03 /2021-22 (issued by Satellite Town Ring Road Planning Authority) dated 24.08.2021 measuring East to West: 12.19 Meters or 40 feet, and North to South: 12.19 Meters or 40 feet, totally measuring 148.60 Square Meters or 1600 square feet, standing on Schedule A' Property of Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on: East by : Site No. 141 and 142, West by : 9MTR Wide Road, North by : Site No. 148, South by : Site No. 150. Approximately built up area of 2880 sq ft	18.02.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM Physical Rs.1,24,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Only) Rs.12,40,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)

1. Inspection Date & Time: 23.01.2026 and 30.01.2026 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 35,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 16.02.2026 (Before 5.00 PM)
together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
The online auction will be conducted on the web site <https://biddae.in> of our auction agency M/s Valuetrust Capital Services Pvt Ltd.,
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni, official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel.No.080-41182283, 080-41812126 / 9449080072 / 779583045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date : 07.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Give short description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Amount of EMD Increase Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	(1) Mr. Pradeep Kasilinka & (2) Mrs. Pavana Deepthi Kavuri Both are residing at: Flat No.112, Ground Floor, Pushpam E-Town, Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-562125. Also at: No.97, 1st Main Road, Shirdi Sai Layout Peddanapaly, Thavarekere, Magadi Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-562130. Also at: Flat No.101, Adithya Enclave, Balaji Nagar, 5th Lane, Near Vamsi Krishna Rice Mill, Amaravathi Road, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522007.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Apartment No.112, in the Ground Floor with a Super Built Up area of 1198 Square Feet consisting of two bedroom in a Residential Apartment Complex known as "Pushpam E Town" consisting of Stilt, Ground and three upper floors constructed on Hadebahalli Village Panchayath E Khata No.150200102701084 situated at Sy No 164/3 and 165/1 of S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru.	83,11,141.86 (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Eleven Thousand One Hundred And Forty One And Paise Eighty Six Only) as on 16.11.2025 plus other charges and further interest.	21.01.2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 36,10,000/- EMD: Rs.3,61,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/- Last date of EMD: 21.01.2026 5.30PM	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel.No.08025011368, Mobile: 8866556911
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc. and if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
Date: 05.01.2026 Place:- Bengaluru Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Give short description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	Mr.Vijaya Reddy & Mrs. Sumithra A. (Borrower) N o 5, 31st cross, 22nd main, Subramanya swamy temple, Tilak nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560041. CIF:AJ9V24916 A/c No: 89410600000597 Guarantor: Sri.Suryakanth B.H.s/o Hosamani Basavaraj, # 05,2nd main, spar market, SRK Garden, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041.	Schedule 'A' property: Site No.32/8, New Municipal No.570/2844/32/8, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward no. 130, Measuring on East to West 37 feet and North to South on Eastern Side 82.4 feet, on Western side 73 feet, totally measuring 2876.9 square feet; and Bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining Portion of same property bearing no 32/8, North by: Property belongs to Bhoggi Doddiah. South by: Road and property belongs to Chikkanna. Schedule 'B' Property: Agreed to be sold under this agreement of sale. Out of the schedule 'A' property the western portion of residential immovable property bearing Old No 32/8, New Municipal no 570/2844/32/8, situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No 130, Measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South on Eastern side 63 feet, on Western side 60 Feet (63+60/2), totally measuring 1537.5 sq feet. Bounded as East by: remaining portion of schedule 'A' property bearing No 32/8 West by: private property, North by: property belonging to Bhoggi Doddiah, South by: Road and property belongs to chikkanna. encumbrances if any: Nil	Rs. 70,33,018.48 (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand And Eighteen And Paise Forty Eight Only) as on 30.09.2025 plus interest and other charges Branch: ROSARB, North ,Bengaluru	21.01.2026 From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs.85,50,000/- EMD: Rs. 8,55,000/- Last Date of EMD Amount: 21.01.2026 Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel.No: 080-25011368, Mobile: 8866556911
Date: 05.01.2026 Place:- Bengaluru Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



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Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	1. Smt. Aruna Kanchana W/o Srinivas Dande, Resident of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560076.	All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 004, in the ground floor, Block "A", Samaikya's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1060 square feet, situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/ Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2, situated at Chinnappannahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku. The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights, title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 307.40 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 2BHK	Rs. 7,41,53,504/- (Rupees Seven Crores Forty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Four Only) As on 31.10.2025 plus other charges and further interest	21.01.2026 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 56,43,000/- EMD: Rs.5,64,300/- Last date of EMD 21.01.2026 Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/-	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer
2.	(1) Sri Srinivas Dande S/o Yelmanda Dande Resident of N.702, 7th Floor, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076.	Property No.1: All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 305, in the third floor, Block "A", Samaikya's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1250 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappannahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku . The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights, title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 362.5 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 3BHK.	Rs. 7,41,53,504/- (Rupees Seven Crores Forty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Four Only) As on 31.10.2025 plus other charges and further interest	21.01.2026 & From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 66,69,000/- EMD: Rs.6,66,900/- Last date of EMD: 21.01.2026 Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/-	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer
		Property No.2: All the piece and parcel of residential apartment number 205, in the second floor, Block "A", Samaikya's "Sri Sai Sannidhi Apartments" with super built up area of 1250 square feet situated at Backside of Kalamandir, Anand Nagar/Aswath Nagar, Near Marathalli bridge, constructed on Amalgamated Khatha No.1324, previously bearing BBMP katha No.1324, 1324/1, 1324/2 and 1324/3 in converted Sy No. 37/2 situated at Chinnappannahalli village , K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluku . The apartment is inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift staircase and other areas of common area and the buildings with separate electricity, common water and sanitation including all rights, title interest, privileges appurtenances together with one covered car parking space in stilt floor with right title and interest over undivided share of land measuring about 362.5 square feet, in the schedule "A" property. 3BHK.	Rs. 7,41,53,504/- (Rupees Seven Crores Forty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Four Only) As on 31.10.2025 plus other charges and further interest	21.01.2026 & From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 66,69,000/- EMD: Rs.6,66,900/- Last date of EMD: 21.01.2026 Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 25,000/-	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel.No.08025011368, Mobile 8866556911
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc. and if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
Date: 05.01.2026 Place:- Bengaluru Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



Market Watch

376.28	SENSEX	85,063.34
71.60	NIFTY	26,178.70

₹600	GOLD	24 carat (10 gm)	₹138,970
₹550	GOLD	22 carat (10 gm)	₹127,400

₹5,000	SILVER	1 kg	₹253,000
₹50	SILVER	10 gm	₹2,530

₹	FOREX	Dollar	90.18
₹	FOREX	Euro	105.80

Leading steel producers violated antitrust law: CCI

Cos including Tata Steel, JSW, others restricted supplies, fixed prices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Competition Commission of India (CCI) has reportedly found leading steel producers in violation of antitrust laws for colluding on steel prices during various periods between 2015 and 2023.

As per a report, top companies including Tata Steel, JSW Steel, state-run Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL), and 25 other firms breached competition law by coordinating with one another to fix selling prices and restrict the supply of steel in the market. These practices kept steel prices artificially high, harming the construction and infrastructure sectors and, ultimately, the general public through higher costs for housing and development projects.

As per a CCI order dated October 6, the regulator has also held 56 senior executives liable for price collusion over varying periods between 2015 and 2023. These include JSW Steel's billionaire Managing Director Sajjan Jindal, Tata Steel CEO T V Narendran, and four former chairpersons of SAIL.

Currently, JSW Steel holds a 17.5% market share, Tata Steel has 13.3%, and SAIL controls about 10%. Together, the three companies account for over 40% of the Indian steel market. The investigation began in 2021 after builders and developers—major consumers of steel—approached the courts, alleging

CCI probe finds these cos kept steel prices high, harming construction and infra sectors and, ultimately, the public via higher costs

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Probe began in 2021 after developers moved courts, alleging that the rise in steel prices were inconsistent with supply-demand dynamics

PRICE RIGGING CHARGES

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CCI prove has "found the conduct of the parties to be in contravention" of Indian antitrust law, and stated "certain individuals have been held liable," as per the order

that steel prices were rising in a manner inconsistent with normal supply-and-demand dynamics. The CCI investigation has "found the conduct of the parties to be in contravention" of Indian antitrust law, and stated that "certain individuals have also been held liable," according to the order.

The findings will be reviewed by senior CCI officials, and the companies and executives involved will be given an opportunity to submit objections or comments. This process is expected to take several months given scale of the investigation. The CCI will then issue its final

order, which will be made public. When contacted, JSW and Tata Steel refused to comment on the development.

In the fiscal year ended March 2025, JSW Steel reported standalone revenues of \$14.2 billion, while Tata Steel reported revenues of \$14.7 billion. The CCI is empowered to impose penalties of up to three times a company's profit or 10% of its turnover—whichever is higher—for each year of wrongdoing. Individual executives may also face fines. The report noted JSW Steel and SAIL have denied the allegations before the CCI.

RENEWABLES

India sees major growth in solar module mfg

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S solar module manufacturing sector witnessed significant expansion with the addition of 81 GW of capacity in a single year, said the Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi.

In a social media post, the minister noted that this growth underscores India's strengthening "Atmanirbhar" (self-reliance) status and its long-term commitment to a robust, future-ready clean energy ecosystem. The minister said manufacturing capacity has risen from 2.3 GW in 2014 to a projected 144 GW by 2025, a 6,161% rise. Between 2024 and 2025 alone, India added 81 GW of capacity, growing from 63 GW to 144 GW—a 128.57% annual increase.

"From 2014 to 2025, India's solar module manufacturing has seen exceptionally high growth, marking a transformation in renewable energy sector. This journey of sustained progress saw a sharp acceleration during 2024-2025, reflecting rapid expansion and rising momentum. Under the leadership of PM Modi, this growth underscores India's strengthening Atmanirbharta and long-term commitment to a robust, future-ready Clean Energy ecosystem," he said.

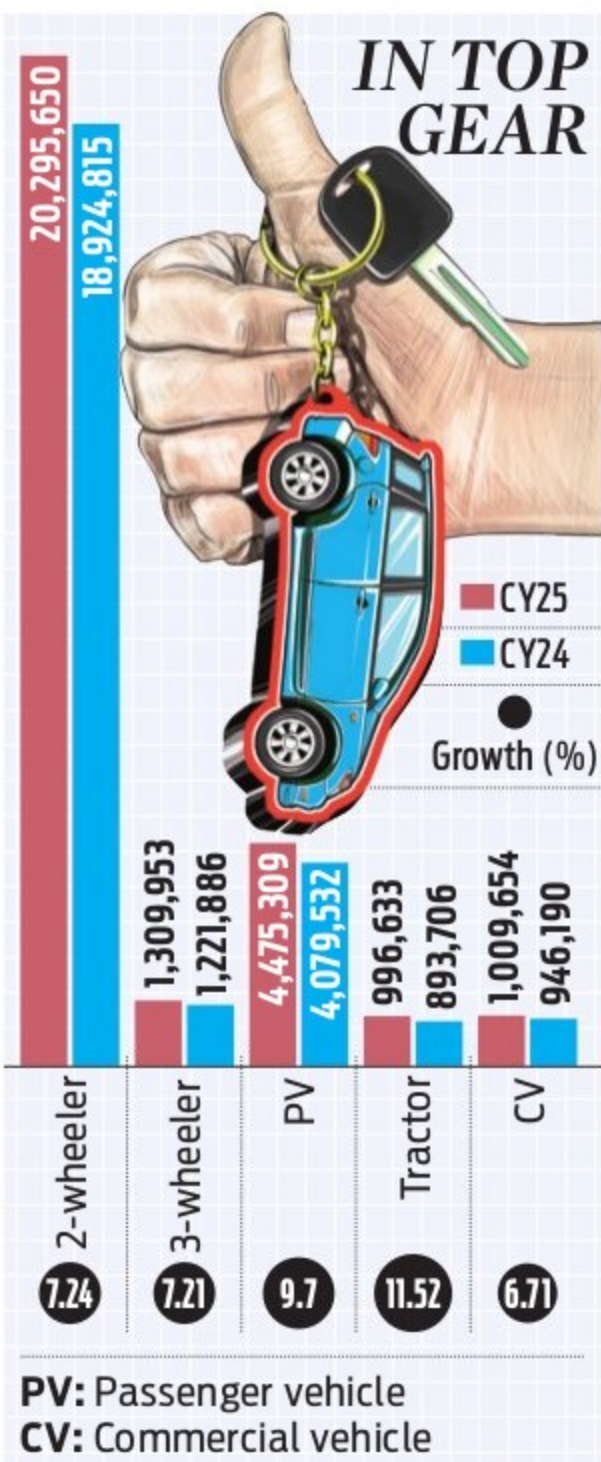
Auto retail sales grew 15% in December, 7.71% in CY25

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE auto industry closed the calendar year 2025 on a strong note, with December retail sales growing nearly 15% year on year to 20,28,821 units, according to data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on Tuesday. Passenger vehicles (PVs) led the retail growth in December 2025 with sales surging nearly 27% to 379,671 units.

Data showed India's total retail sales in calendar year 2025 stood at 28,161,228 units, up 7.71% year-on-year. Category-wise, two-wheeler sales grew by 7.24% (2.02 cr), PV rose 9.70% (33.21 lakh), commercial vehicle (CV) expanded 6.71% (7.49 lakh), and tractors posted 11.52% (7.63 lakh) surge in CY25. FADA stated that 2025 saw broad-based participation as urban retail grew 8.20% and rural 7.31%, and within PVs, rural demand was a standout, growing 12.31% versus 8.08% in urban markets, underlining the strengthening spread of personal mobility beyond metros.

FADA President C S Vigneshwar said CY25 was a tale of two halves as sales between January and August remained subdued despite supportive macro cues such as direct tax relief in the Union Budget and RBI's cumulative rate easing.



"The turning point came from September onwards when GST 2.0 rate rationalisation—including reductions for mass segments like small cars, two-wheelers (up to 350cc), three-wheelers and key commercial categories—improved afforda-

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AN year-end surge has pushed institutional investments into the domestic real estate sector to an all-time high of \$8.5 billion in 2025, marking a 29% on-year-year growth, while domestic inflows stood at \$4.8 billion.

The peak of \$8.5 billion inflows, up 29% over 2024, comes at a time when the global economy is holding up better, with signs of trade normalcy amid ongoing tariff wars. Additionally, the country's growth prospects and expanding investment horizons continue to reinforce its growing stature as

RIL shares fall 5%, wipe out ₹1L cr in m-cap

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SHARES of Reliance Industries (RIL) declined about 5.18% to ₹1,496.30 apiece on the NSE in the intraday session on Tuesday despite denial of a report that claimed three vessels carrying Russian crude oil were heading to its Jamnagar refinery. The stock closed 4.39% lower at ₹1,509, wiping out ₹1 lakh crore from RIL's market cap.

RIL on Tuesday denied reports that three vessels laden with Russian oil are on their way to its Jamnagar refinery. It called the report "blatantly untrue" and added that the refinery has not received any Russian oil cargo in three weeks, nor is it expecting any such deliveries in January.

a major destination for global capital across economic sectors including real estate, realty consultancy Colliers India said in a note on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the report said domestic investment inflows surged over two-fold at \$4.8 billion, driving 57% of total inflows in 2025. On the other hand, investments into office assets doubled to \$4.5 billion, accounting for over half of the total inflows. Bengaluru and Mumbai got about half of the real estate inflows in 2025. From a quarterly perspective, capital inflows peaked in Q4 of 2025 to \$4.2 billion, more than two



times the jump for the full year, the report added.

Domestic institutional capital emerged as the primary driver of real estate investment in the year gone-by, with inflows more than doubling to \$4.8 billion, accounting for 57%

of the total investment volume during the year.

This strong growth in domestic investor participation underscores rising confidence among domestic institutional investors, supported by improving asset quality, stable returns, and greater market transparency. While foreign capital deployment moderated 16% to \$3.7 billion on-year, cross-border investments showed signs of recovery in the final quarter, indicating a gradual improvement in global investor sentiment, said Badal Yagnik, chief executive & managing director at Colliers India.

PLI-auto scheme needs rejig to boost India's vehicle exports: NITI Aayog

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA needs to reassess the design and scope of its PLI-Auto scheme to lift its stagnant 1% share in global automobile exports, unchanged for over a decade, NITI Aayog stated in the latest edition of Trade Watch Quarterly released on Tuesday.

The scheme's tilt toward electric vehicles and a 50% domestic value-addition threshold restrict participation, especially by start-ups and smaller firms, dampening investment momentum even in pure EV segments. "A mid-course review of the scheme could help broaden its coverage, consider inclusion of non-EV segments, and recalibrate eligi-

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bility norms to support an inclusive and investment-friendly framework," the report said.

India's share in global automobile demand has remained stagnant at about 1% over the past decade, while its share in auto components exports has seen only a marginal rise—from 1.2% to 2%. Though global EV imports surged nearly 30-fold between 2020 and 2024, India's participation remains negligible at about 0.1% of global exports

and imports. Other roadblocks for Indian exporters include logistical challenges, lack of branding, and cost disadvantages. While Indian automotive products are gaining global recognition for quality, an influx of low-cost, substandard imports continues to distort markets. Industry experts stressed the need for tighter quality norms, stricter action against dumping, and a stronger role for IBEF to boost "Made in India" branding via trade fairs and overseas market linkages.

ASIANOMICS

PHILIPPINE

CENTRAL BANK SIGNALS STATUS QUO ON RATE CUT

The Philippine central bank expects to maintain interest rates at present levels as inflation picked up last month and growth likely slowed in 2025, its governor said on Tuesday. Inflation rose to 1.8% in December, its fastest pace in nine months, due to rising food and clothing prices, the agency said. Consumer prices were up 1.5% in November. On a monthly basis, inflation picked up to 0.9% in December, the sharpest rise since September 2023. Average =2025 inflation stood at 1.7%, slowest since 2016. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Eli Remolona said Philippine growth may have slowed to 4.6% in 2025, from last year's 5.7% expansion.

CHINA

SERVICES SECTOR GROWTH HITS 6-MONTH LOW IN DEC

China's services activity expanded at its slowest pace in six months in December as growth in new business softened and foreign demand fell, a private-sector survey showed on Monday. The RatingDog China General Services PMI, compiled by S&P Global, edged down to 52.0 in December from 52.1 the previous month, marking the weakest reading since June. New business grew at the slowest pace in six months. New export business slipped into contraction after expanding the previous month, which the survey attributed mainly to lower tourist numbers. Business sentiment strengthened, with the expectations sub-index rising to a nine-month high, supported by forecasts of improved market conditions and expansion plans for 2026.

JAPAN

CASH IN CIRCULATION FALLS FOR FIRST TIME IN 18 YEARS

Japan's monetary base fell in 2025 for the first time in nearly two decades, underscoring the Bank of Japan's steady retreat from ultra-loose monetary policy and marking a symbolic shift away from the era of extraordinary stimulus. Data released on Tuesday showed the average balance of the monetary base, a broad measure of cash in circulation and central-bank liquidity, fell 4.9% YoY in 2025. It was the first annual contraction since 2007, when the BOJ was last moving toward tighter policy conditions during a previous rate-hike cycle. The decline reflects the BOJ's decision last year to end its decade-long stimulus framework, which had included massive asset purchases, negative short-term interest rates and yield-curve control for Japanese government bonds.

Ind-Ra sees GDP easing to 6.9%, rupee averaging at 92.26 next fiscal

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

FORECASTING a 7.4% economic expansion this fiscal, India Ratings sees the economy printing in 6.9% next fiscal, buoyed by domestic reforms that will help it tide over the global headwinds, especially those arising from steep 50% tariffs in exports to the US, along with the falling rupee, which it sees averaging around 92.26.

"The economy is likely to grow 6.9% in FY27, down from 7.4% in the current fiscal. We believe domestic reforms, including income tax cut in the FY26 budget, recent GST rate cuts and foreign trade agreements with Oman, England, and New Zealand will help the economy withstand global uncer-



tainties caused by the US tariffs," Devendra Kumar Pant, chief economist at India Ratings, told reporters on Tuesday. However, he warned of downsides to this projection such as a likely El Niño pattern from mid-2026, weakening rupee, which is primarily due to weak capital flows, sluggish global trade growth, base effect of a

strong growth in FY26, and slower GST collections. Another emerging headwind is artificial intelligence.

These risks to FY27 growth are evenly balanced. A faster trade deal with the US and a favourable Indian Ocean Dipole may help minimise the impact of likely El Niño pattern, pushing growth above this estimate, he added. "If demand revival (consumption and investment) is weaker than expected, growth could fall. While rural demand has remained resilient, urban demand is a drag on overall consumption demand." Forecasting tougher days for rupee, Pant expects the domestic unit, which had lost more than 5% in 2025, to go further down and average at 92.26 next fiscal.

Uber rides jump 26.5% in 2025 to 11.6 billion km

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CALENDAR year 2025 was a record year for Uber in India, as the ride-hailing giant reported that its trips spanned over 11.6 billion kilometres, marking a 26.5% increase compared to 2024. To put this into perspective, that's over 3.2 million trips from Srinagar to Kanyakumari in the year, or 8,840 times every single day.

"In 2025, Indians Ubered more than ever before, building on last year's momentum and setting fresh benchmarks for mobility," said Uber in its annual data report 'How India Ubered'. Top 5 cities in India with the highest number of Uber rides in 2025 included Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai and Pune.

The top 5 cities in terms of the fastest average speeds



clocked on the roads were Bhubaneswar, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh. Uber's insight shows Mumbai followed by Kolkata saw the highest proportion of late-night trips while Mumbai, Guwahati, and Chennai led in weekend travel as a share of total trips.

Bhubaneswar and Thiruvananthapuram recorded the

highest share of office-hour trips (percentage of total trips booked) while Agra, Mysuru, Puri, and Lonavala emerged as the most frequented tourist destinations via Uber Intercity.

Further, most Uber trips were booked at 6 PM with Friday continuing to be the most popular day of the week for booking an Uber. November emerged as the most popular

month of the year and December 12, 2025, saw the highest number of trips booked on a single day.

Uber stated that riders across India continued to be rated highly by drivers. Kochi once again stood out, recording the highest average rider rating at 4.91 out of 5. An impressive 98.3% of trips in Kochi were rated a full five stars by drivers. Thiruvananthapuram followed closely with an average rating of 4.87, while Pune and Chandigarh featured among cities with the most highly rated riders.

Two major western cities Mumbai and Pune topped the list of the most popular inter-city routes, followed by Delhi-Agra and Bangalore-Mysore. The longest journey recorded was a Gurgaon-Ahmedabad-Gurgaon round trip spanning 1,827 km.



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DODDABELAVANGALA Branch (00912)

Vinutha Nilaya, Doddabelavangala, Bengaluru - 561204

Phone : +91-9653200912, email : ubin@009115@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India **Doddabelavangala Branch (00912)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 16.10.2025** calling upon the **Borrower - 1. (a) Late Moulia Khan S/o Late Ghouse Khan**, (Since deceased represented by his legal heirs known to bank) (i) **Mrs. Khamar Taj alias Shabana Banu W/o Late Moulia Khan** (ii) **Ms. Saba Kausar D/o Late Moulia Khan** (iii) **Mr. Zabi Ulla Khan S/o Late Moulia Khan** (iv) **Mr. Mallik Khan S/o Late Moulia Khan All are residing at : N 235, Near Anjaneya Temple, Doddabelavangala Dist, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural - 561204** (b) **Late Seema Unnisa W/o Late Ghouse Khan**, (Co-Applicant) (Since deceased represented by her legal heirs known to bank) (i) **Mr. Jaffer Khan S/o Late Ghouse Khan (Legal Heir of Late Seema Unnisa)**, Doddabelavangala Dist, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural - 561204 (2) **Mr. Nasir Khan S/o Jaleel Khan (Guarantor)**, Doddabelavangala Dist, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural - 561204, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 8,26,868.01** (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight Only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 6 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **5th day of January 2026**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, **Doddabelavangala Branch (00912)** for an amount **Rs.8,40,110/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Thousand One Hundred Ten Only) and further interest/charges thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: All that piece and parcel of the Residential site bearing Khata No 849/88/P/98/P, situated at Doddabelavangala Village and Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 16 1/2 feet, in all measuring 990 Sq. Ft and bounded as follows: **East** by: Property of Dastagin Khan, **West** by: Property of Basha Pasha, **North** by: Property of Mehaboob Khan, **South** by: Road

Date: 05.01.2026

Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-

Chief Manager/ Authorised Officer

Union Bank of India

 INDIA 1950	GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhawan Road Bengaluru - 560001
	Form No. 14 (See Regulation 3(2)(i))
RC No. 1219/2019	
Central Bank of India, 2nd Floor, Grand Majestic Mall, Opp Gubbi Veeranna Rangamandira, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560 009	
... Certificate Holder	
Bank	
Verus	
Sri Ashok G. Karani & Another	Certificate Debtor/Defendants
<u>DEMAND NOTICE</u>	
To	
1. Sri Ashok G. Karani S/o. Late G. B. Karani, Residing at No. 196/6, ground Floor, A Block, 7th Cross, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore - 560 092.	
2. A G K and Co Auditor and Consultant, No. 3, Above Vijaya Bank, Devanahalli, B B Road, Bangalore - 562 110, By its proprietor: Sri Ashok G. Karani.	
....Certificate Debtor/Defendants	
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in T.A. No.837/2017 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 30.12.2017 and an amount of Rs.12,19,465/- (Rupees Twelve Laks Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Five Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.	
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.	
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.	
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 01.07.2020	
Sd/- Recovery Officer-1	
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2, Bengaluru	
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:	
"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". (3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.	

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IV
ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE,
BANGALURU RURAL COURT AT
BANGALURU**

O.S. No.899 of 2020

**Between: Sri. GANAPATHI SHIVRAM
NIMANNE,** aged about 60 years, Son of
Shivaram Nimanne, Shivamoga-571002,
2nd Block, 40th Cross, BDA Layout,
Jambusaravindine, J.P.Nagar 8th Phase,
Bangalore-560 083**Plaintiff**

And: 1) Sri. ARJUN RAO, aged about 46
years, Son of Sri. Hanumantha Rao, Residing
at 17, Siddapura, Shivamoga-571002,
2) Sri. MURALI E. aged about 40 years, Son
of D. Ernest Paul, Residing at No.4, Katha
No.358/3, 4th Cross, Flower Garden,
Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-
560 043**Defendant**

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.1
(UNDER ORDER V RULE 20, OF CPC, 1908)**

DEFENDANT NO.1: Sri. ARJUN RAO, aged
about 46 years, Son of Sri Hanumantha Rao,
Residing at 17, Siddapura, Shivamoga-
571002.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has filed the above said
seeking relief of Cancellation of instruments
and Permanent Injunction with respect to
Schedule Property mentioned hereunder.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable
Residential Property Site No.121, House List
Kathapatti No.121, located at Kalkere,
K.P.Ramiah Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, as
per B.P.MB records 121, N.R.I Layout, 1 Main
Road, Kalkere, Bangalore West No.26. Ward
Name: Remamrutyannagar Measuring East to
West 30 Feet, North to South 30 Feet and in
all measuring 1500 Square Feet with 1
Square House with Bescom License: RR:
11ETPR2229 and bounded on the East by:
Site No.122, South by Site No.120, North
by: Site No.10, South by 30 Feet Road.

Take notice that you are the Defendant No. 1
in the above case, hence you are hereby
summoned to appear before the Hon'ble
court of IV Additional Senior Civil Judge,
Bangaluru Rural Court, Bangalore, to appear
or by a pleader on 16/02/2023 at 11.00 A.M
to answer the same, failing which the case
will be disposed of placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this
16/12/2023.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial
Officer, Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:

B. Srinivas & Associates
No. 289/9, 8th A Main, V Block
Jaynagar, Bengaluru-560 041

CERTIFICATE LOST

This is to notify that I, **Amresh
CP**, Resident of RR Nagar
Bangalore is a Bonafide student
of Swargarani School,
Bangalore, have irrevocably
lost my March 2011 Exam ICSE
10th Pass Certificate bearing
Roll number T/1445/112 no Index
T2 no 60030412.

If any one found please contact
#545, 4 th Stage, 6 th Main, BEML
Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar,
Bangalore 560098, Phone No.
8197876801

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of the General
Public that My Client **Manjunath M** during
travel has lost the Original Gift Deed dated
10/11/2014, executed by S. N Ashok S/o
Sri. Narayanappa in favour of Smt.
Kavyanjali M. Manjunath W/o M
Manjunath, registered as Document No.
NGB-1700201/2014-15, Book-1, stored in C
No. NGB0723, in the office of the Sub-
Registrar, Nagarabhatti, Bangalore, in
respect of Schedule Property mentioned
herein below. The report of the same has
been lodged with the Police Station on
06/01/2026 vide Report No. 19951505/2026.
If any person finds the property mentioned
return the same to the undersigned within a
period of 7 days from this day

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable
property bearing Site No. 125, BMBP Katha
No. 31123/24-15, F-PD No. 1468557516,
Assessment No. 23/4, situated at
Mallathahalli village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli,
Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,
measuring East to West 40 feet and North to
South 30 feet, admeasuring 1200 square feet
and bounded by:

East by : 30 Feet Road,
West by : Site No. 100,
South by : 30 Feet Road,
South by : Site No. 124.

SHILPA. V. HATTI, Advocate
No. 42, 5th Cross, 5th Stage, II Stage,
Maruthi Nagar, Madhavikere Hobli,
Bangalore-560 085.
Mob.: +91-79960 37016;

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VJI
ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS
JUDGE AT BANGALURU (CCH 15)

O.S. No. 2427/2000

BETWEEN: SRI. ABDUL SALEEM S/o. Abdul
Waheeb, Aged about 38 years, Residing at
No. 73/1, Makara Road, Bangalore.

...PLAINTIFF

Vs.

SMT. NANNJAMMA AND OTHERS

...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 4A, 4B AND
4C UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE
CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

To, (4A). SMT. SHANTHAMMA W/o. Late B.
Shivanna, Major by Age, (4B). **SRI. RAJIV**
W/o. Late B. Shivanna, Major by Age,
(4C). SMT. KALAVATHI W/o. Late B.
Shivanna, Major by Age, All are residing at
Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore
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Whereas the above named plaintiff
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to implead you as LR's of deceased Defendant
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You are hereby summoned to appear before
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29.01.2026 at 11 AM to answer the
aforesaid claim, failing which the aforesaid
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Private Property, **North by:** Kodigehalli -
Thindlu Road, **South by:** Land belonging to
Veerabhadrapada and Narayanaswamy.
Given under my hand and the seal of the
Court, this 23rd day of December 2025.

By order of the Court,
Senior Sheristadar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate Address: **BALARAM LAW FIRM**
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 30 & 31, Ground Floor, HHS Complex,
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O.S. No. 2426/2000

BETWEEN: SRI. N. HARISH S/o. Late
Narasiah, Aged about 30 years, No.2, 4th
Cross, Matadashahli, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-
560 032.

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KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL

OLD ELECTION COMMISSION BUILDING, BANGALURU

Karnataka Bank Ltd. 
 Your Family Bank. Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch,
 1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
 Phone: 080-22955928 (Gen)/22955929 (AGM)
 E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
 Website: <https://karnatakabank.com>
 CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Increment at Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	(1) M/s Golden Aqua Traders Represented by its Partners i) Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy and ii) Mr. Veludruthi Balaji Addressed at : No.425, K No.1225,Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092 (2) Mr. K Brahmananada Reddy, S/o Mr. Chowdi Reddy Addressed at : No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bangalore-560092 (3) Veludruthi Balaji , S/o Mr. Veludruthi Ramu, Addressed at : No.5-109-1,Rajakulapeta, Palakoderu Mandalam, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh -534210 (4) Mrs. Aruna Brahma, W/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Addressed at : No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092 (5) Ms. Sona B, D/o Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy Addressed at : No.425, K No.1225, Kiran Kuteera, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Amruthhalli, Bengaluru-560092. Loan A/c No.: (1) PSOD A/c No.7927000601011701 (2) PDPN A/c No.0537001400017701 (3) PSTL A/c No. 7927001800119701	Total Rs.13,57,32,744.63 [Rupees Thirteen Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four and Paise Sixty Three Only [(1) Rs. 12,08,80,732.49 01.01.2026 (2) Rs. 1,13,03,187.90 09.12.2025 (3) Rs.35,48,824.24 11.12.2025]	23.06.2025 & Constructive	Item No:1 : All that piece and parcel of the residential 3 BHK Flat No.B-425 situated in the B Block, Fourth Floor, of the Multi-Storeyed building known as "SVS Patels's Clisto" having a built up area of 1605 sq ft along with 667.60 Sq.Ft of Undivided Share, right ,title and interest over the property bearing Sy No.13 totally measuring 3 acres 39 guntas & site bearing No.398 measuring 1268 sq ft, both situated at Talakaverinagar, Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and amalgamated as one property totally measuring totally measuring 1,74,49 Sq ft with BBMP Khata No. 1307/1143-6/1/398/13, with one covered parking space in B Block with rights over all open spaces and common areas of the building belonging to Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy .Boundaries of Flat : East by : Open to Sky, West by : Entrance /Corridor & Flat No.B-426, North by : Open to Sky, South by : Duct/Lift/Staircase. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Site No.26/P measuring 1520 Sqft, in BDA Approved Layout names as "Rajivgandhinagar", NTI Layout, 2nd Phase, bangalore-which is carved out Sy No.82, of Byatarayanapura Village , Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District with AC Street Structure situated there belonging Mr. K Brahmananda Reddy . Boundaries of Property : East by : Site No.26/O, West by : Road, North by : Site No.26/A, South by : Road.	Rs. 1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)	Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	10.45 AM to 11.00 AM	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Ashoknagar A/c No: 0533500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000053
(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset). (This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors). For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice". The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on 28.01.2026 at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at www.auctionbazaar.com and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on 27.01.2026) from M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD (Known by their website: www.auctionbazaar.com) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, E-mail : contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.									
Date : 06.01.2026 Place: Bengaluru					Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.				

 Karnataka Bank Ltd. Your Family Bank. Across India.			MEGA E-AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 05.02.2026						
Asset Recovery Management Branch, Karnataka Bank Building, First Floor, Ward No.29, Maraluru Extension, Sadashivnagar, Tumakuru-572105 Phone: 0816-2294905/2294906 E-Mail: tum.arm@ktkbank.com Website: www.karnatakabank.com CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128			E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) & Co-obligant(s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" on 05.02.2026 at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd. The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 04.02.2026 at 4.00 pm through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring Karnataka Bank Ltd.,						
Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligan/s Loan Account No.	Balance O/S as on 13.03.2025 Rs. Future Interest From + Penal Charges + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Increment al Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	(1) M/s Supreme Steel and Co. Represented by the Partners: Mr.Syed Saifuddin, Mr.Syed Samiuddin, Mr.Syed Najmuddin, Mr.Syed Zafaruddin, Addressed at: Sana Building, 1584/1, Behind Taj Hotel, B M Road, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District. (2) Mr.Syed Saifuddin S/o Mr.Syed Ahmed, No.1582, Siraj Compound, Khinath Colony, Channapatna 562160 Ramanagara District. (3) Mr.Syed Samiuddin S/o Syed Ahmed, No.1582, Siraj Compound, Khinath Colony, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District (4) Mr.Syed Najmuddin S/o Syed Ahmed No.1582, Upper Daira, Khinath Mohalla Channapatna 562160, Ramangara District. (5) Mr.Syed Zafaruddin S/o Mr.Syed Ahmed, No.1471/A, Islampur Mohalla, Daira, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District. Loan A/c Nos.: 1) PSOD A/c No.14370006000020101 2) PSTL A/c No.1437001800083901 3) PSTL A/c No.1437001800084401 4) Bank Guarantee (Protested Bills A/c No. 1437003900000301) 5) Bank Guarantee (Protested Bills A/c No. 0143702400017201)	Total Amount Rs.3,61,14,237.20 [Rupees Three Core Sixty One Lakh Fourteen Thousand and Two Hundred Thirty Seven and Paise Twenty Only] as on 02.01.2026 1) [Rs.2,00,24,670.94 Future interest from 01.01.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs 2) [Rs.39,64,169.48 Future interest from 26.12.2025 + Penal Charges + Costs 3) [Rs.3,64,584.78 Future interest from 11.12.2025 + Penal Charges + Costs 4) [Rs.26,01,288.00 Future interest from 01.01.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs 5) [Rs.91,59,524.00 Future interest from 01.01.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs]	08.09.2025 Physical	Item No.1: All that part and parcel of property bearing property Khatha No.1964/1795/4 (Old No.1584/2/4), PID No.29-2-7-10G with Site measuring 2400 Sq.ft and Building thereon, situated at No.10G, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District belonging to Mr.Syed Zafaruddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East: Property of Azeezunnisa, West: Property of Mushak Ahmed and Musthari Begum North: Property of Mumtaz, South: Road. Item No.2: All that part and parcel of property bearing Khatha No.1964/1795/5 (Old No.1584/2/5),PID No.29-2-7-10D with Site measuring 1200 Sq.ft and Building thereon, situated at No.10D, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District belonging to Mr.Sayed Saifuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East: Property of Ajmath Unnisa, West: Road, North: Property of Musthari Banu, South: Road. Item No.3: All that part and parcel of property bearing property Khatha No.1964/1795/1 (Old No.1584/2/1),PID No.29-2-7-10C with Site measuring 1200 Sq.ft and Building thereon, situated at No.10C, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District belonging to Mr.Syed Najmuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East: Property of Mr.Syed Jafruddin, West: Road, North: Property of Mohammad Mumtaj, South: Property of Syed Saifuddin. Item No.4: All that part and parcel of property bearing property Khatha No.1964/1795/2 (Old No.1584/2/2),PID No.29-2-7-10I, with Site measuring 2400 Sq.ft, situated at No.10I, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District belonging to Mr.Syed Samiuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East: Property of Mr.Mohamed Saleem, West: Property of Ajmath Unnisa, North: Property of Mohammed Mumtaz, South: Road.	Rs.91,53,000/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Only). Rs.75,75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only) Rs.1,93,77,000/- (Rupees One Core Ninety Three Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Only) Rs.1,51,50,000/- (Rupees One Core Fifty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.9,15,300/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Only) Rs.7,57,500/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only) Rs.19,37,700/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only) Rs.15,15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifteen Thousand Only)	11:30 AM to 11:45 AM 11:50 AM to 12:05 PM 12:10 PM to 12:25 PM 12:30 PM to 12:45 PM	Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 50,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143 Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143 Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143 Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143

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KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
OLD ELECTION COMMISSION BUILDING, BENGALURU.
NOTIFICATION No. 1/2026 Dated : 5th January, 2026

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Elections to the Karnataka State Bar Council for election 23 (Twenty Three) **MEMBERS** shall be held on **WEDNESDAY, the 11th March, 2026.**

The Polling shall take place between **10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.** at the Polling office situated in the premises of **City Civil Court Complex, Bengaluru**, and at all **Polling Booths** situated in the premises of the respective Bar Associations across the State, as listed below.

Where the Polling Booths are not provided, the Voters of such places shall cast their votes at the nearest Polling Booth to their place of their practice.

PLACES WHERE POLLING BOOTHS ARE PROVIDED

1. BENGALURU	2. ANEKAL	3. DEVANAHALLI
4. DODDABALLAPUR	5. HOSKOTE	6. NELAMANGALA
7. BAGALKOT	8. BADAMI	9. BANAHATTI
10. BILAGI	11. HUNAGUND	12. ILKAL
13. JAMAKHANDI	14. MUDHOL	15. GULEGUDDA
16. BELAGAVI	17. ATHANI	18. BAILHONGAL
19. KAGAWAD	20. CHIKODI	21. GOKAK
22. HUKKERI	23. KHANAPUR	24. KITTUR
25. MUDALAGI	26. NAINPANI	27. RAIBAG
28. RAMADURGA	29. SUNDATTI	30. SANKESHWAR
31. BALLARI	32. SANDUR	33. SIRUGUPPA
34. BIDAR	35. AURAD	36. BASAVA KALYAN
37. BHALKI	38. HUMNABAD	39. CHAMARAJANAGAR
40. GUNDLUPET	41. KOLLEGAL	42. YELANDUR
43. CHIKKABALLAPUR	44. BAGEPALLI	45. CHINTAMANI
46. GOWRIBIDANUR	47. GUDIBANDE	48. SHIDLGHATTA
49. CHIKKAMANGALURU	50. BIRUR	51. KADUR
52. KOPPA	53. MUDIGERE	54. N.R. PURA
55. SRINGERI	56. TARIKERE	57. CHITRADURGA
58. CHALLAKERE	59. HIRIYUR	60. HOLALKERE
61. HOSADURGA	62. MOLAKALMURU	63. DAVANGERE
64. CHANNAGIRI	65. HARIHAR	66. HONNALI
67. JAGALUR	68. DHARWAD	69. C.B DHARWAD
70. HUBBALLI	71. KALGHATGI	72. KUNDGOL
73. NAVAIGUND	74. GADAG	75. LAXMESHWAR
76. MUNDARGI	77. NARGUND	78. RON
79. SHIRAHATTI	80. HASSAN	81. ALUR
82. ARKALGUD	83. ARSIKERE	84. BELUR
85. C.R. PATNA	86. HOLNARASIPURA	87. SAKALESHPUR
88. HAVERI	89. BYADGI	90. HANGAL
91. HIREKERUR	92. RANEBENNUR	93. SAVANUR
94. SHIGANGA	95. KALABURGI	96. C.B. KALABURGI
97. AFZALPUR	98. ALAND	99. CHINCHOLI
100. CHITTAPUR	101. EWARGI	102. SEDAM
103. SHAHABAD	104. KARWAR	105. ANKOLA
106. BHATKAL	107. DANDELI	108. HALIYAL
109. HONNAVAR	110. KUMTA	111. MUNDAGOD
112. SIDDAPUR	113. SIRSI	114. YELLAPUR
115. KOLAR	116. BANGARPET	117. K.G.F.
118. MALUR	119. MULBAGAL	120. SRINIVASPUR
121. KOPPAL	122. GANGAVATHI	123. KUSHTAGI
124. YELBURGA	125. MADIKERI	126. KUSHALNAGAR
127. PONNAMPET	128. SOMWARPET	129. VIRAJPET
130. MANDYA	131. K.R.PET	132. MADDUR
133. MALAVALLI	134. NAGAMANGALA	135. PANDAVAPURA
136. SRIRANGAPATNA	137. MANGALURU	138. BANTWAL
139. BELTHANGADY	140. MOODBIDRI	141. PUTTUR
142. SULLIA	143. MYSURU	144. H.D. KOTE
145. HUNSUR	146. K.R. NAGAR	147. NANJANGUD
148. PERIYAPATNA	149. T. NARASIPURA	150. RAMANAGAR
151. CHANNAPATNA	152. KANAKAPURA	153. MAGADI
154. RAICHUR	155. DEVADURGA	156. LINGASUGUR
157. MANVI	158. SINDHANOUR	159. SHIVMOGGA
160. BHADRAVATHI	161. HOSANAGARA	162. SACCAR
163. SHIKARIPUR	164. SORAB	165. THIRTHAHALLI
166. TUMAKURU	167. C.N. HALLI	168. GUBBI
169. KORATAGERE	170. KUNIGAL	171. MADHUGIRI
172. PAVAGADA	173. SIRA	174. TIPTUR
175. TIRUVEKERE	176. UDUPI	178. BRAHMAVAR
179. BYNADOUR	180. KARKALA	181. KUNDAPURA
182. VIJAYANAGARA	183. HAGARIBOMMANAHALLI	184. HARAPANAHALLI
185. HOSPET	186. HOovinaHAGADALI	187. KUDLIGI
188. VJAYAPUR	189. B. BAGEWADI	190. INDI
191. MUDDIBHAL	192. SINDAGI	193. YADGIRI
194. SHAHAPUR	195. SHORAPUR	

NUMBER OF SEATS

1. The number of seats to be filled from amongst Advocates shall be **EIGHTEEN (18).**

2. The number of seats to be filled from amongst FEMALE Advocates shall be **SEVEN (7)** out of which **TWO (2)** shall be by way of NOMINATION by Bar Council of India.

As per Gazette of India dated 20th September, 2022 under the "Bar Council of India Uniform Rules" (and Guidelines) for the elections of Bar Council, 2016", Chapter III, Rule titled " : Office Bearers of Bar Associations ineligible to be the Members of Bar Council" An Advocate, who is an office bearer of any Bar Association (Except Supreme Court Bar Association) shall not be eligible to contest the election of State Bar Council. However, if such Office Bearer has already resigned from his/her post before the date of notification of elections of State Bar Council, he/she shall be entitled to contest the elections of State Bar Council.

The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination paper of any such persons who were / are office bearers of any Bar Association on the date of notification of elections of concerned State Bar Councils.

NOMINATIONS

The Nomination forms may be obtained from the office of the Karnataka State Bar Council, Old Election Commission Building, Bengaluru-560001, during office hours on all working days.

Nominations in the prescribed form (FORM-A) shall be personally delivered to the Secretary on or before **10.2.2026 upto 4-00 p.m.**

Every nomination shall be accompanied by a **DEMAND DRAFT** for a sum of **Rs. 1,25,000/- (One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)** drawn in favour of **SECRETARY, KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL** payable at Bengaluru within **4.00 p.m.**

The said fee shall be refundable only if the Candidates withdraws his/her candidature on or before the prescribed last date for withdrawal.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date
1	Publication of Provisional Voters list (15 days from the date of election notification)	20.1.2026
2	Objections to the Electoral Rolls - 7 days from Sl. No. 1	27.1.2026
3	Publication of Final Electoral Rolls - 7 days from Sl. No. 2	3.2.2026
4	Filing of Nominations - 7 days from Sl. No. 3	From 4.2.2026 to 10.2.2026
5	Scrutiny of Nominations - 2 days from Sl. No. 4	11 & 12.2.2026
6	Publication of List of Candidates - 1 day from Sl. No. 5	13.2.2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the instructions of our client, this is to notify the general public that our client **Sri. YESHWANTH KUMAR R.** Aged About 38 Years, S/o. Late Raju Bujabalaiah, resident of No. 412, A Type, 5th Main Road, BDA Qtrs, Domlur, Bengaluru East, Bengaluru - 560071, Presently residing at Texas, U.S.A., has negotiated to purchase the immovable property through his G.P.A Holder **Sri. CHANDRAPRABHU .B.**, as mentioned in the Schedule below from its **Smt. SAVITHA SACHIN RAJ**, Aged about 38 years, W/o. Sachin Raj, the present vendor herein having acquired through a registered Gift Deed dated 31-01-2020 executed by vendor [vendor's father] Sri. Kalavanan, S/o. Late. Vinayaka Murthy and the registered as document No. VRT-1-06811-2019-20, Book -I, and stored in C.D. No. VRTD645 in the office of The Senior Sub-registrar, Shivajinagara [Verhore], Bengaluru Urban District, and their names have entered in the Records of BBMP as they are the Katheshar and in possession of the said Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable residential house bearing **Site No. 21** Katha No. 776/794/4/21 (HAGS Katha No.257/2), (HAGS Katha No.257/2/C), **E. Khatthai/ New EPID Number 6460453075**, measuring East to west 40 ft., North – South 30 ft., Totally 1200 Sq. Ft., an RCC Roofed house at 4th Cross, Kuvempu Road, Vignana Nagar, Ward No.88, Kaggaadasapura Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Tq, Bengaluru - 560 075.

And Bounded On: East by : Sit No.19; West by : Site No. 23; North by : Site No. 22; South by : Road.
If any Person/s, Legal Heirs/, institutions/, Bank/s, Firm/s etc., have got any objections for this transaction or claim on the said property shall notify or meet in person regarding their claim/s along with their supporting documents with the undersigned advocate on or before 07 days from this notification. **No claim/s will be entertained beyond the period of 07 days.** We have verified all the documents and certify all to be clear. If any objections / litigations please contact us at the below mentioned address and mobile number.

SUREE MS ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Sri. SUDHEENDRA. B.C & Smt. V. MANJULA
Office No. 1, 1st Floor, Next to Radhakrishna School, Vasanthappa Block, CB1 Main Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032.
Mobile No. : 9611234687 / 9989872475

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client, **Mr. Jawazuddin**, S/o. Sirajuddin residing at No.002, 1st Floor, Brest residency, 9th Cross, Sultanpalya, R T Nagar OPP. Salma Boutique, Bengaluru-560032, intends to purchase the immovable residential Apartment, which is more fully described in the schedule below, from its owner, **Sri. Mahesh Sadasivan Padmanabhan, S/o. Sri. Padmanabhan**, residing at No.47, "MITHIRI", B.D.A. Layout, Near NAL Compound, OPP. Leela Palace, Old Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bengaluru-560070. He acquired the property through a Registered Sale Deed dated 05.10.2012, vide document No.KCH-1-03435- 2012-13, of Book-I, stored in CD No. KCHD112, at the office of the Sub- Registrar, Gndhinagar (Kacharakana Hall), Bangalore. It is represented to our client that the person mentioned above is the sole and absolute owner of the scheduled property. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, lien, or charge related to the schedule property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objecting to such transaction with our client should raise objections to the sale, must submit such claims or objections in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within **07 days** from this date. Failing to do so will be deemed as having no claims or objections, and our client will proceed to complete the purchase of the scheduled property.

SCHEDULE
ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the immovable residential Apartment, bearing Flat No.304, in Block-II, on the Third Floor, in the Building Known as " JANYA GARDENIA APARTMENTS" constructed on property bearing New BBMP No.25; PID No.95-8-25, 1st Main Road, Kaverinagar, Nagawara, Ward No.35, BBMP Bengaluru, with a Super Built up area of 1712 sq.ft and Terrace area of 908 sq.ft (including 309 sq.ft from the upper floor of the said pent house and 2 sq.ft on the upper terrace above the said pent house) in all measuring 2621 sq. ft with the proportionate share in the common areas and two car parking space in the silt floor, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: Northern side 161.09 feet, North to South, Eastern side 321-03 feet, Western side 312-03 feet, in all measuring 50,323.65 Sq. feet, bounded or:
East by : 25 feet Road
West by : Defence Colony
North by : 30 feet Road
South by : Private Property

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Rajaji Nagar Navarang Circle Branch (49770)

No. 693, Near Shaneswar Temple, D Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

Contact no: 8850449770, mail ID ubin0549771@unionbankofindia.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, Rajajinagar (Navrang Circle) Branch (49770) No.693,Near Shaneswar Temple, D Block 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-ApPLICANT and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Shashikumar S/o Raju M, (2) Mr. Raju M S/o Late Muddaiah, Both are residing at: No.101, LBS Nagar, BBMP Khatha No.1143 101, Ward No.4, NES Office, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560064

Amount due: Rs. 79,82,674.00 (Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four only) as on 05-01-2026 and further interest / cost / expenses thereon.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:
SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing No. 101, BBMP Khatha No. 1143/101, Ward No. 4, Yelahanka Satellite Town, situated at LBS Nagar, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bengaluru measuring East to West: 36 Feet and North to South: 30.50 Feet, totally measuring 1098 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: East by : Government Road, West by : Road, North by : Shakuntalamma's House, South by: Manjamma's House.

Reserve Price : Rs. 69,99,750.00 (Sixty Nine Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 6,99,975.00 (Six Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five Only)

Date and time of E-Auction:
27-02-2026 Friday from 12:00 Noon to 05:00PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD :

EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction.

It is advisable to deposit and Link / Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.
E-auction website: https://baanknet.com

For auction related queries e-mail ubin0549771@unionbankofindia.bank.in or contact 9910076004.

Date: 05.01.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore Union Bank of India.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, CHENNAI

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NOTICE

The Government of Tamil Nadu invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible and experienced firms for the establishment of a In-Camera Visual Effects Stage (ICVFX) on Lease / Rental basis at Chennai, in the premises of the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113 in the newly constructed Air-Conditioned Shooting Floor (Type-A) with a built-up area of 19,021.21 Sq. Ft.

The detailed RFP document containing eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and submission schedule can be downloaded from the official website www.filmintstitute.tn.gov.in

The proposal should be submitted to the Joint Director (Public Relations) / Principal (FAC), Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R Film and Television Institute, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113, within the stipulated time as mentioned in the RFP document.

The Government of Tamil Nadu reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason.

Director of Information and Public Relations Department, Chennai.

DIPR/13/Display/2026

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA				
On-line bids are invited by PCMM/RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):-				
Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Brief Description	Qty./Nos/Sets	EMD(₹)
1.	14251208/23.01.2026	Fleet Graphic Film For Exterior of Menu 3 -Phase Coaches.	382 Nos.	1812960/-
2.	02251441/29.01.2026	Supply, Testing and Commissioning Including All Connections And Dressing W/o Loading) of Switch Board Cabinet for LHB Non-AC Pantry Car for Amrit Bharat Coach	—	275550/-
3.	13255441/27.01.2026	Manufacturing, Supply & Commissioning of 3 Sets (6 Nos) of Lifting tackles with manufacturing test certificate and load test certificate as per drawing number XZ021301 alt Nil.	06 Nos.	68760/-
4.	02251562/03.02.2026	Supply, Testing And Commissioning (Including All Connections And Dressing W/o Loading) of Set of Panel (Switch Board Cabinet) for LHB EOG NONAC Coaches.	—	1338360/-
5.	17251692/28.01.2026	Aluminium Complete Panel Size 3X1350X2100MM	6440 Nos.	636520/-
6.	12251377/27.01.2026	Retention Tank (RH) Without Flushing Arrangement	1286 Nos.	2000000/-
		Retention Tank (LH) Without Flushing Arrangement	1336 Nos.	
7.	02251582/30.01.2026	Set of LED Saloon Light Fitting.	7 Set.	NIL
8.	05252053/26.01.2026	End Part Complete	182 Nos.	725890/-
9.	05252048/29.01.2026	Set of End Part.	10 Set.	268900/-
10.	05252058/29.01.2026	Set of End Part.	10 Set.	268900/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. **Class IIIB digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website <http://www.cce.gov.in>.** 2. All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. 3. Tenders at **Sr. No. 1 to 6** will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Tender at **Sr. No. 7 to 10** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. 4. For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them". **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM :Tender No. (1) 17251398 for Procurement of Supply, Installation, Commissioning Testing & Camp of Automatic Fire/Smoke Detection System for MEMU/EMU/DEMU Rake. **Due date may be read as 12.01.2026** Instead of 01.01.2026 **Tender No. (2) 17241537A** for procurement of Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Aspiration Type Automatic Smoke / Fire Detection System in Rake Form for Non AC Amrit Bharat Trains as per RDSO Specification RDSO/2008/CG-04 REV-06 with ICF Annexure 'A' Dated 16.07.2024. **Due date may be read as 13.01.2026** Instead of 02.01.2026. **Tender No. (3) 17251268** for procurement of Automatic Fire/Smoke Detection System for LHB Non AC Coaches including CMC for 6 years. **Due date may be read as 13.01.2026** Instead of 02.01.2026. **Tender No. (4) 17251632** for Procurement of Design, Supply, Fitment and Commissioning of Furnishing Items in GS Coach with Guard Compartment for Kalka-Shimla Railways. **Due date may be read as 15.01.2026** Instead of 02.01.2026. **Tender No. (5) 17251418A** For Procurement of Supply and Fitment of Complete Furnishing of Inspection Carriage on Tumkyr basis. **Due date may be read as 15.01.2026** Instead of 02.01.2026. **PCMM**

R.O. No. 119-S/2025-26 Dated : 06.01.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 39th ADDL. CITY CIVIL COURT, BANGALORE				
P & SC. No. 663/2025				
BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Prema Sundararajan, W/o. Late R Sundararajan Aged about 65 years, Residing at Flat no.5003, Tower 5, Prestige Willow Tree Apartments,8th Main, 5th Block, BEL layout, Vidyanarayana, Bangalore- 560029/ Aadhar No.8121273385063 2. Sri. Abhishek Sundararajan, S/o. Late R Sundararajan Aged about 36 years, Residing at 1000, Escalon Avenue, Sunnyvale, California-94084, USA Aadhar No. 836875997437 Represented by his Power of Holder Smt. Prema Sundararajan S/o. Late R Sundararajan Aged about 65 years Residing at Flat no.5003, Tower 5, Prestige Willow Tree Apartments, 8th Main, 5th Block, BEL layout, Vidyanarayana, Bangalore- 560029... PETITIONERS AND: NIL ... RESPONDENTS				
PUBLIC NOTICE Whereas, the above named have made Petition in this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for the Grant of Succession Certificate in favour of 1st Petitioner, in respect Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has hold by Late Late Sri. R Sundararajan herein who has expired on 29.06.2025. Interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 23-01-2026 at 11.00 A.M. , inform to show cause against the 1st petitioner, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.				
SCHEDULE PROPERTY				
Item No.1	De-mat account bearing no. BO ID bearing no. 12185342			
Sl.No.	ISIN CODE	Company Name	Balance	Value Rs. Ps.
1	INF209KB1Y23	Aditya Birla Sun Life mutual Fund- Multi-Cap Fd regular plan growth	999.5	1,97,290.00
2	INF209KB1Z63	Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund-Nifty 50 Equal Weight index fund RG IDCWREINV	19999	3,63,542.00
3	INEI01010111	Afcoss Infrastructure Limited-EQ	160	74,160.00
4	INE01E708032	Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority-STRRPs C 10.32 BD16AG26FVRSZLAC	2	4,03,790.00
5	INF740K01P12	DSP mutual fund-FlexiCap Fund Direct Plan Growth open ended	15000.112	17,26,828.00
6	IN0020210236	Government of India- SGB 18JN30 S IX 2.5 FV Rs.4786	20	2,75,021.00
7	INE093AO1041	Hexaware Technologies Limited- EQ NEW FV RE 1/-	63	44,582.00
8	INE03A009P14	IFCI LIMITED - 57C 10.12 BD 080T27 FVRS1LAC LOA UPTO 19NV12	3	3,26,895
9	INE03A009P94	IFCI LIMITED - 58(B) 9.9 BD 05NV27 FVRS25000 LOA UPTO 04DC12	20	5,20,000
10	INE03A009MC4	IFCI LIMITED - 9075 BD 13JL30 FVRS 10LAC LOA UPTO 08NV10	1	10,00,010
11	INE03A009MD2	IFCI LIMITED 9.25 BD 16JL30 FVRS 10LAC LOA UPTO 09NV10	1	10,03,007
12	INE06701023	INDIA PESTICIDES LIMITED - EQ NEW FV RE 1/	50	10,126
13	INE053F01010	INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED- EQ	200	25,100
14	INE030R01014	KALYAN JEWELLERS INDIA LIMITED - EQ	172	81,666
15	INE090W07584	LENDINGKART FINANCE LIMITED - 11.15 NCD 27SP25 FVRS1LAC LOA UPTO 08NV10	4	88,000
16	INE090W07687	LENDINGKART FINANCE LIMITED - 11.25 NCD 30JN26 FVRS1LAC	2	1,96,436
17	INEQJ1Y01017	LIFF INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA-EQ	73	65,499
18	INF24701908	MUTUAL OSWAL MUTUAL FUND - NIFTY MIDCAP 150 INDEX FD RG GR	3829.729	1,43,979
19	INE848E01016	NIPCO LIMITED - EQ	200	17,290
20	INE00D101019	RAILTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED-EQ	400	1,50,560
21	INE002L01015	SUNVN LIMITED - EQ	200	18,008
22	INF277K01Z51	TATA MUTUAL FUND - DIGITAL INDIA FD REG DIV PAY OP	528.533	24,698
23	INF277K01Z44	TATA MUTUAL FUND - DIGITAL INDIA FD REG GROWTH OP	6003.846	2,80,554
24	INF277KA1125	TATA MUTUAL FUND - FLOATING RATE FD RG PL IDCW QUARTLY PAYOUT	10933.229	1,42,099
25	INF277KA1109	TATA MUTUAL FUND - FLOATING RATE FUND RG PL IDCW PERIODIC PAYOUT	9945.815	1,29,240
26	INF277KA1B13	TATA MUTUAL FUND - NIFTY500 MLTINDMFG503020IDXRGDICVREI	1999.9	23,073
Total				Rs.7,331,451
Item no.2 - Account no.41318381208 (sr citizen), Balance is Rs. 15,28,500/-, State Bank of India, Vidyanarayana, Branch, Bangalore Item no.3 - Account no.425895933772 (sr citizen), Balance is Rs. 56,572/-,State Bank of India, Vidyanarayana, Branch, Bangalore Item no.4 - Account no.11454612585 (sr citizen), Balance is Rs. 24,95,323.68/-, State Bank of India, Vidyanarayana, Branch, Bangalore Item no.5 - Account no.42187345621 (sr citizen), Balance is Rs. 5,00,000/-, State Bank of India, Vidyanarayana, Branch, Bangalore Total Value of the suit Schedule Property is Rs. 1,19,11,846.86. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 16th day of December 2025. BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Assistant Registrar, City Civil court, Bangalore. Advocate for Service : Sri. R.Shashidhar, Advocate, No.206, 2nd floor, Embassy square, No.148, Infantry Road, Bangalore-560001				

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the title and ownership rights of the owners listed in the table below (collectively referred to herein as the **“Owners”**), in respect of the properties described against their names in the Schedule below and collectively referred to herein as the **“Schedule Properties”**.

The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of their respective land parcels comprised in the Schedule Properties, having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same and that the Schedule Properties are free from all encumbrances, mortgages, charges, court cases, attachments, lien, litigation and/ or any third-party rights/ claims of any nature whatsoever.

Public is notified that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, objection, agency, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, assignment, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any Court or Authority litigation, lis-pendens, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, FSI, tenancy, development rights, family arrangement /settlement, allotment, acquisition, requisition, beneficial right / interest under any trust, pending litigation, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that the Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Properties and that no one else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties described herein below are situated at Avalahalli Village and Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore and held by the respective Owners as hereunder:

Sy Nos.	Owners	Village Name	Extent		Boundaries			
			Acres	Guntas	East by:	West by:	North by:	South by:
39/5	M/s. Sai Yelahanka Development Pvt. Ltd.	Avalahalli	0	21	Land bearing Survey No. 39/2	Land bearing Survey No. 44	Land bearing Survey Nos. 39/1 and 39/4	Land bearing Survey No. 40
33/3			0	15.04	Land bearing Survey Nos. 36 and 37	Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 33/3	Land bearing Survey No. 33/2	Land bearing Survey No. 44
44			0	29.04	Land bearing Survey Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43	Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 44	Land bearing Survey No. 33	Harohalli village boundary
54	Mrs. Sundramma Mrs. Bhagyamma N. Mr. Munirajanna N. Mr. Anil M. Mr. Nikhil M. Mr. N. Krishnamurthy Mr. Sunil N. K. Mrs. Mahalakshmi N. K.	Harohalli	0	06	Land bearing Survey Nos. 53 and 55	Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 54	Land bearing Survey No. 53, road and remaining portion of land in Survey No. 54	Land bearing Survey No. 55
80			0	18.04	Land bearing Survey Nos. 48 and 81	Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 80	Avalahalli village boundary	Land bearing Survey No. 54
49/1			0	9.08	Land bearing Survey No. 49/4	Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 49/1	Land bearing Survey No. 48	Land bearing Survey Nos. 49/3 and 54

07.01.2026

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HDFC BANK

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Unit No. 101 to 105,150, FT Ring Road,Nr, Ayodhya Chowk, Rajkot : 360007
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	Mr. Borah Probin (Borrower) and Mrs. Borah Lipika (Co-Borrower)	Loan A/c No. 653667169 and 658808853 Rs.29,50,220/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Only) as on 30.04.2025	09.06.2025	03.01.2026	Flat-B-316, Floor-3, Palm Groves A & B, S No 315, 316 And 317, Marsur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru 562106 and bounded on : East : Lift & B-317, West : Staircase & B-315, North : Corridor & B-312, South : Open to Sky & B-319.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.
However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken **symbolic** possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC. Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s. Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 07.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmcc.ho@tgmcbank.com, Website:



India ace **Lakshya Sen** advanced to the men's singles second round with a hard-fought win over Jia Heng Jason Teh of Singapore while Ayush Shetty defeated Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia in straight sets at the Malaysia Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Tuesday. Sen won 21-16, 15-21, 21-14 while Shetty beat Jia, the Paris Olympics bronze-medallist, 21-12, 21-17.



Sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya and AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey

Ensured there are no procedural lapses: Chaubey

AIFF to contribute ₹10 crore to run ISL scheduled to begin from February 14

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

AFTER months of uncertainty, multiple court hearings and several meetings, the Indian Super League (ISL) is set to begin on February 14. The clubs who were reluctant to play suddenly had a change of heart and have decided to complete the 91 matches they are slotted to play in single home and away basis this truncated season. What seems interesting that the ISL was supposed to be played between 13 clubs but with Odisha FC joining the fray, the number went up the 14. This was possible after a meeting between the sports ministry and the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and ISL clubs. The ISL will run by a board.

One man sounded much more relaxed and relieved is AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey, who has had sleepless night ever since the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), the commercial arm of AIFF in charge of conducting ISL did not want to extend the Master Right Agreement (MRA) due to various reasons. The contract ended in December 8 last year.

Chaubey spoke about how the AIFF managed to convince the club through dialogue. Of course, the sports ministry had also done their bit. The season will be until June 15, but he felt that it depends on how the fixtures are going to be set, so it can be finished before that. The AIFF chief elaborated on what went into the final strides towards the finish line. "You must be aware that since we had our annual general meeting on December 20 and the constitution has few articles that caused hindrances for bidders to take the Request for Proposal (RFP) even though four prospective bidders participated and raised 234 questions," he said. "People who are following football, they know where the challenges are. Having said this, in the general body, I have proposed a nine-member AIFF-ISL coordination committee, which had five members from clubs and four from the AIFF. We wanted to give clubs a majority say on this discussion and that was mandated until December 29," he explained.

Chaubey said that the committee had around six meetings between December 22 and 29 and came up with various proposals that included the format of the league. "The league has been discussed and zeroed in two formats. One was a two conference — east and west conference — and another was home and away. A rough budget too was calculated by this committee." The AIFF chief said that the parent football body had an executive committee meeting on Tuesday to ensure there are no procedural lapses or gaps before finalising the leagues. "The constitution should be respected as directed by the SC and we did not want any legal hassle," he said. "We discussed what can be done and what cannot be as mandated by the constitution and placed them before the clubs." The AIFF also discussed about financial contribution as well. "The financial contribution of 40 per cent of the league's pool was committed by the AIFF and the central pool has been capped to ₹25 crore. Therefore, AIFF will contribute ₹10 crore. I am sure the entire country would be eager to find an outcome to this and I am happy and thankful to the club owners for their cooperation and support. Collectively we were able to announce the date today," he said.

This arrangement will be for just for this year's ISL and the AIFF has offered financial relief and moratorium to the clubs. **ISL teams:** Bengaluru FC, Chennaiyin FC, East Bengal FC, FC Goa, SC Delhi FC, Jamshedpur FC, Kerala Blasters FC, Mohammedan SC, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Mumbai City FC, North-East United FC, Odisha FC, Punjab FC.



Steve Smith celebrates his century on Day 3 of the final Ashes Test | AP

Head, Smith tons put Oz in control

AGENCIES @ Sydney

TRAVIS Head's third century of the series and Steve Smith's first guided Australia to a 134-run first-innings lead over England by stumps on the third day of the fifth and final Ashes Test. Head resumed Tuesday at 91 and was out for 163 from 166 balls, a masterful innings to follow his match-winning 123 in the second innings of the first test at Perth and his 170 in the second innings of the third Test at Adelaide.

Smith was 129 not out at stumps, elevating a relatively disappointing series with the bat. **Brief scores:** England 384 vs Australia 518/7 in 124 ovs (Head 163, Smith 129 batting; Carse 3/108).

Unlike sports administrators

Knock vs Oz gave me different kind of self belief: DC captain

GOMESH S @ Centurion

ON February 13, 2023 as four franchises fought for top all-rounders and marquee players at the inaugural Women's Premier League auction, one franchise waited their time — Delhi Capitals. They sat through 15 stars without raising the paddle once.

For they knew, the one player they wanted more than anyone. One that could lead them in the future. When Jemimah Rodrigues came as the 16th name in the auction, the paddle went up. They kept raising it until Rodrigues was eventually signed for ₹2.2 crores. Then came along Meg Lanning, who led DC to three consecutive finals, while Rodrigues remained her understudy. After three years and a World Cup win, came the most expected captaincy announcement — Rodrigues will lead DC in the upcoming edition of WPL.

Days before the season begins, the 25-year-old feels the opportunity has come at the right time for her. She acknowl-



Jemimah Rodrigues | BCCI

edges the rollercoaster she went through in the last three years — 2022 WC drop, T20 WC heartbreaks, struggling with anxiety before becoming the star of India's WC win at home — and says "however hard it's been, however easy it's been, I wouldn't change anything because everything has shaped me and made me the player I am today and has prepared me for what's ahead".

Captaincy is not a new thing to Rodrigues. A batting prodigy

from Mumbai, she has led her state and West Zone teams innumerable number of times through age-group and senior cricket. However, her century against Australia in the semifinal at Navi Mumbai has given her a new sense of self belief and calmness. She says so as much. "It gave me a lot of boost and it gave me a different kind of a belief just to come out of there. Because I think it was just that moment where you faced everything and when you thought it was over, things just fell into place. So I think that just gave me a different kind of belief and a different kind of calmness also, especially when things don't go well, that things change. You just got to keep doing your part. So I think my mindset has also changed a bit from that moment," Rodrigues reflected.

A live wire on the field, she has always been guarding the boundary ropes till now but as captain Rodrigues will have to remain calm and up close in the inner circle.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

HIL: Tamil Nadu Dragons continue winning run

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

ACCORD Tamil Nadu Dragons continued their winning streak in the Men's Hockey India League with a creditable 3-2 victory over JSW Soorma Hockey Club at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium here on Tuesday.

Dragons began on the front foot and enjoyed early momentum, forcing a penalty corner inside the opening minutes, but the chance was well defended by Soorma's first runner. Despite making six circle entries in the first quarter, the home side struggled for cutting edge, managing just one shot on target as both teams produced a largely forgettable midfield battle. Soorma were wasteful too, as they failed to capitalise on most of three openings in a scrappy opening quarter: The



Players in action during a HIL match in Chennai on Tuesday | HIL

game came to life in the second quarter as the Dragons raised the tempo and enjoyed greater control of possession. Their improved ball movement and sharper passing finally paid dividends close to half-time. Selvaraj Kanagaraj broke the

deadlock in the 28th minute, latching onto a defence-splitting pass to slot home calmly. Just 49 seconds before the interval, Uttam Singh doubled the lead with a diving left-handed finish that left goalkeeper Vincent Vanasch with no

Iyer hits 82 even as Gill manages 11

ENS @ Chennai

CAPTAIN Shreyas Iyer slammed 82 as Mumbai beat Himachal Pradesh while India Test and ODI skipper Shubman Gill could manage only 11 runs as Punjab defeated Goa in round six of the Vijay Hazare Trophy on Tuesday.

For defending champions Karnataka, openers Mayank Agarwal and Devdutt Padikkal piled on runs as they crushed Rajasthan to make it to the quarterfinals.

Uttar Pradesh and Delhi also stormed into the last eight stage by beating their respective opponents.



Shreyas Iyer in action | PTI

Select scores: Group A: At Ahmedabad: Tamil Nadu 259/6 in 50 ovs (Andre Siddarth 70; Manisankar Muralisingh 2/50) bt Tripura 205 in 42.4 ovs (Gurjapneet Singh 6/26); Karnataka 324/7 in 50 ovs (Mayank Agarwal 100, Devdutt Padikkal 91) bt Rajasthan 174 in 38 ovs (Karana Lamba 55; Prasidh Krishna

5/36); Pondicherry 247 in 47.4 ovs (Jashwanth Shreeram 57, Ajay Rohera 53; MD Nidheesh 4/41) lost to Kerala 252/2 in 29 ovs (Vishnu Vinod 162 n.o., Baba Aparajith 63 n.o.). **Group B:** At Rajkot: Hyderabad 352/5 in 50 ovs (Aman Rao 200 n.o., Rahul Singh 65; Md Shami 3/70) bt Bengal 245 in 44.4 ovs (Shahbaz Ahmed 108 n.o.; Md Siraj 4/58). **Group C:** At Jaipur: Mumbai 299/9 in 33 ovs (Musheer Khan 73, Shreyas Iyer 82; Vaibhav Arora 3/63) bt Himachal Pradesh 292 in 32.4 ovs (Pukhraj Mann 64, Mayank Dagar 64; Shivam Dube 4/68); Goa 211 in 33.3 ovs (Suyash Prabhu 116 in 56) lost to Punjab 212/4 in 35 ovs (Harnoor Singh 94 n.o., Naman Dhir 68). **Group D:** At Alur: Railways 179 in 40.4 ovs (Kush Marathe 51; Navdeep Saini 3/30) lost to Delhi 182/4 in 21.4 ovs (Priyansh Arya 80); At Bengaluru: Gujarat 333/6 in 50 ovs (Axar Patel 73) bt Odisha 100 in 28.1 ovs.

De Kock, Bairstow help Sunrisers rout Capitals

GOMESH S @ Centurion

QUINTON de Kock had just smashed an unbeaten 79 from 41 balls, helping Sunrisers Eastern Cape beat Pretoria Capitals by ten wickets in front of his domestic home ground at Centurion. A 177-run stand with Jonny Bairstow, where the two free-flowing batters secured a bonus point for Sunrisers — including the Englishman smashing 34 runs in an over off Keshav Maharaj (five sixes and a four)—and De Kock was at the centre of it all.

He finished the Player of the Match engagements, then came the interactions with SA20 and the franchise for which he plays. By the time he came along to address the select media interaction along the boundary ropes of the Super Sport Park, the 33-year-old may have run out of words to say. At least it seemed so as De Kock tried to explain the dynamic between him and Bairstow in the middle. "Really, all he just asked me, if it's swinging or not, so then... You be you, and me be me, type thing, and we



Quinton de Kock | SA20

just bat. So, there's literally nothing to it," he said.

As the interaction went on, questions inevitably turned towards him coming out of retirement and preparations for the T20 World Cup. He said that he did not work on anything specific, but just a mindset change to get ready for the international stage. With 205 runs in four innings, De Kock hasn't missed a beat in the SA20, but he felt it would make no difference when he lands in India for the global event. **Brief scores:** PC 176/7 in 20 ovs (Esterhuizen 52, Rutherford 47 n.o.; Nortje 3/32) lost to SEC 177/0 in 14.2 ovs (De Kock 79 n.o., Bairstow 85 n.o.).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

AFCON: Nigeria enter last eight

AGENCIES @ Fez (Morocco)

OSIMHEN grabbed a brace and Ademola Lookman played a part in all the goals as Nigeria comprehensively beat Mozambique 4-0 on a rainy night in Fes, Morocco and enter quarterfinals on Tuesday. Atalanta forward Lookman, a former winner of the African footballer of the year award like Osimhen, opened the scoring after 20 minutes from an Akor Adams assist. Mozambique go home but this Cup of Nations can go down as a success for them after they reached the knockout phase for the very first time.

Meanwhile, Liverpool star Mohamed Salah sealed an extra-time 3-1 win for Egypt against Benin on Monday to take the Pharaohs through to the quarterfinals.

Need more exposure to improve, says Palpreet

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

SENIOR India men's basketball team captain Palpreet Singh Brar stands at 6 feet 11 inches and his figure could be intimidating but is soft-spoken. On court, however, his demeanour changes. He is loud and aggressive. As captain of India team he needs to be so.

While speaking with this daily on the sidelines of the Senior National Basketball championships, he stressed on the importance of having more exposure trips abroad to help them gain confidence. Last November, India lost to Saudi Arabia twice — one in Riyadh (51-75) and another in Chennai (57-81) — in the first round of the 2027 FIBA World Cup Asian Qualifiers. Here in the city representing the Railways, the India captain will lead the team in two big assignments. Placed in Group D of World Cup Asia qualifiers, the team will face Qatar on February 28 and Lebanon on March 3 this year.

Railways, K'taka in Q/Fs

Both the men's and women's



Palpreet Singh Brar in action

team of Railways, the men's team of Karnataka and Kerala Women — all with 3 wins in their respective groups — have confirmed their spots to the quarterfinals of the Championship on Tuesday.

Tamil Nadu men and women's team have won their first two games. Both teams are a win away from sealing their spots in the last eight. **Select results:** Women Group A: Railways 113 bt Maharashtra 66; Karnataka 103 bt Chhattisgarh 50. Group B: Kerala 102 bt West Bengal 48. Men: Group A: Karnataka 100 bt Rajasthan 79; Group B: Railways 94 bt Chandigarh 43; Tamil Nadu 101 bt Rajasthan 68.

EXPRESS READ

Asab, Anushka bag double trap gold

NEW DELHI: Veteran Indian shotgun shooter from Uttar Pradesh Mohammed Asab and Rajasthan's Anushka Singh Bhati clinched the men's and women's doubles trap titles respectively on the concluding day of competitions in the National Shooting Championships on Tuesday.

J&K lift U16 Vijay Merchant plate title

SURAT: The Jammu and Kashmir U-16 team clinched the Vijay Merchant Trophy Plate Group title, the Union Territory's first-ever BCCI crown, after defeating Mizoram by an innings and 182 runs on the third day of the final here on Tuesday. J&K won the four-day match with one day to spare.

Boxing: Lovlina & Amit Panghal win tough

NEW DELHI: World C'ship bronze medallist Pooja Rani and Jadumani Singh registered easy wins, while Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and Amit Panghal were made to work hard to advance at the Elite Men and Women National Boxing Championships on Tuesday.

As IOA President, I am saddened by the demise of former IOA President Shri. Suresh Kalmadi ji. He was also President AFI for nearly two decades where he introduced numerous developmental programs for the growth of Athletics in India. My condolences to his family! Om Shanti! — IOA chief PT Usha on 'X'



SURESH KALMADI
01 MAY 1944 — 06 JAN 2026

His contribution to uplift Indian sports will be remembered," said Bhanot, who is currently AFI's planning commission chief... He introduced prize money track-and-field permit meets in the early 1990s and invited elite foreign athletes, including Olympic champions like Carl Lewis and Mike Powell, which changed the concept of sports in the country — Lalit Bhanot, former AFI secretary

life. Kalmadi was elected the president of the Amateur Athletics Federation of India (AAFI) in 1987 and continued

until 2006. In the mean time he also headed the IOA from 1996 to 2011.

Kalmadi was instrumental

Kalmadi legacy: From IAF pilot to India's foremost sports administrator

HERE are various ways of describing Suresh Kalmadi. An astute sports administrator, one who showed India can bid for mega events and hosted them long before the country is once again getting ready to host mega international events. Though he has been one of the longest serving sports administrators in athletics and later in Indian Olympic Association, he has courted controversies as well.

of recent times, he was approachable and would answer any uncomfortable question with consummate ease. Kalmadi, as president of the IOA, would sternly oppose any government interference and opposed the sports code. He was against the age and tenure issue rules and said that since IOA is already under Right to Information (RTI) Act, there was nothing to hide. But the CWG scandal overwhelmed him and retreated from public

in hosting some of the top multi-discipline events like the Commonwealth Games (2010) and the Afro-Asian Games (2003).

An Indian Air Force pilot, who was born in then Madras and studied in Pune's fabled Fergusson College entered politics and was Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament in 1982, 1988, 1994 and 1998. He managed to pull in international track and field stars for eight meets in Delhi from 1989 to 1998.



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Siddu Set to Break Urs' Enduring Record



Etching His Own Place in Karnataka's Political History

WHEN Chief Minister Siddaramaiah completes seven years and 240 days in office, he will surpass the record held for decades by the late D Devaraj Urs to become Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister. The moment marks more than a numerical achievement. It signals the culmination of a long and complex political journey that has spanned over four decades and multiple phases of the state's evolving political landscape. For Siddaramaiah, the milestone is both personal and political, highlighting his staying power in a system known for frequent leadership changes.

The Urs Legacy and a High Benchmark

D Devaraj Urs remains one of the most transformative figures in Karnataka's history. His tenure in the 1970s was defined by path-breaking land reforms and the establishment of the state's first backward classes commission under L G Havur. Urs fundamentally altered the social and political structure of the state by empowering oppressed communities and opening up leadership spaces for those from humble backgrounds. Political analysts



often point out that Urs operated in a very different political environment, one that allowed sweeping reforms and decisive leadership. His record was long viewed as unassailable.

The Power of the AHINDA Coalition

A key pillar of Siddaramaiah's political strength has been his mobilisation of AHINDA communities, comprising minorities, backward classes and Dalits. This social coalition has not only helped him counter opposition parties but has also served as his primary defence against internal challenges within the Congress. Even as leadership questions and succession debates surface periodically, Siddaramaiah continues to project AHINDA as essential to the party's prospects in future Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

Beyond Records, a Place in History

Siddaramaiah himself has struck a modest note, stating that records are meant to be broken and shaped by circumstance. Yet political history rarely treats longevity lightly. By surpassing Devaraj Urs' long-standing record, Siddaramaiah

maiah secures a distinct place in Karnataka's political chronicle. Whether judged as a master strategist, a champion of welfare politics, or a deeply polarising leader, his journey reflects the enduring complexities of power, social justice and leadership in the state.

Siddaramaiah as the Torchbearer of Social Justice

Siddaramaiah is widely seen within the Congress as carrying forward the social justice agenda pioneered by Urs. While the tools and context have changed, the underlying philosophy remains similar. Programmes such as Anna Bhagya, the five welfare guarantees, and the commissioning of a comprehensive socio, educational and economic survey are central to his vision of inclusive governance. Senior party leaders argue that these initiatives reflect an effort to adapt the ideals of equity and redistribution to contemporary realities, even amid fiscal and political constraints.

A Career Forged Through Persistence and Strategy

Often described by detractors as a beneficiary of political luck, Siddaramaiah's support-

ers counter that his rise is rooted in calculated strategy and political resilience. Beginning his electoral career as an independent in 1983, he steadily navigated Karnataka's complex political terrain, serving as Deputy Chief Minister twice and Leader of the Opposition on two occasions. A nine-time MLA, Siddaramaiah learned early that state politics offered greater scope for influence than parliamentary contests. His ability to reinvent himself and consolidate power has been a defining feature of his career.

Celebration, Criticism and Political Polarisation

As Siddaramaiah approaches the record-breaking mark, the political mood is sharply divided. Supporters, particularly in his home region of Mysuru, view the moment as a matter of collective pride and a validation of his mass leadership. Rallies, cultural events and symbolic celebrations underscore the emotional connect he enjoys with his base. Critics, however, question the quality of governance and argue that longevity alone does not define legacy. The contrasting narratives highlight the polarising nature of his tenure.

KARNATAKA CM SIDDARAMAIAH -- AN ODYSSEY FROM A BORN SHEPHERD TO SOCIO-POLITICAL MANAGEMENT GURU

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has set a record as the longest serving CM of the state -- 7 years, 239 days -- surpassing former CM late D Devaraj Urs, carved a niche in Indian politics with his inspirational journey from humble beginnings as a shepherd in the remote village of Siddaramanahundi in Mysuru district, to becoming two-time CM.

Undoubtedly he is a role model of sorts, especially for the oppressed communities, as he took on the mantle of AHINDA leader (an alliance of minorities, backward classes and Dalits) and regardless of background, could scale heights while rooted to a land's identity. Born into a poor Kuruba (shepherd community) family in Siddaramanahundi, he herded cattle and initially dropped out of school.

He had no formal schooling until he turned ten years old, when teachers recognised his potential and helped him join school. He became the first person in his family to earn a degree as he completed B.Sc and a law degree from Mysore University, practiced law and taught for some time in a college. Both his humble background and formal education manifested Siddaramaiah as a leader who could arguably be termed a political management guru in Karnataka's political landscape. His political journey of over four decades -- from taluk board member to state's finance minister and two-time Leader of Opposition and Chief Minister -- is a testimonial.

When he first became Finance Minister in HD Deve Gowda's cabinet in 1994, his critics were taken aback and ridiculed his capability, asking: "How can a person who cannot count 100 sheep become the finance minister of Karnataka?" Siddaramaiah took this jibe as a challenge and got a pat on his back for his astuteness in his very first budget, which he has often mentioned in his public speeches at times to demonstrate that one's traits cannot be weighed by social background. He went on to present 16 budgets and if he does so in March 2026, it will be his 17th budget. He will be closer to a

record set by former Gujarat finance minister Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, who had presented 18 budgets (1999-2012). Siddaramaiah was inspired by Raitha Sangha leader Prof MD Nanjundaswamy to take the political plunge and became a taluk board member. He made his assembly debut by winning Chamundeshwari constituency in 1983 with the backing of Bharatiya Lok Dal of former prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh in 1983. He has high regard for Charan Singh. Yet, Siddaramaiah considers himself a follower of socialist Ram Manohar Lohia.

But over a period of time, he embraced the philosophies of Buddha, 12th century revolutionary and social reformer Basavanna and father of the Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar. He emphasised his commitment by declaring Basavanna as the cultural leader of Karnataka. Impressed by Kerala's greatest social reformer and spiritual leader Sree Narayana Guru, Siddaramaiah has even ensured a Chair at Mangaluru University and released grants.

Striking balance between welfare, development

Having experienced poverty first hand, Siddaramaiah showcased his commitment to the poor by announcing the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme and eventually got the nickname 'Annaramaiah' from his supporters, during his first tenure as CM (2013-2018). He also announced many welfare schemes for AHINDA communities and economically weaker sections of society. As soon as he assumed office in his second term as CM in May 2023, he launched the five guarantee schemes, assuring minimum basic income to the people. Gruha Jyothi (free electricity), Gruha Lakshmi (monthly aid to women heads of households), Anna Bhagya (free rice/grains), Shakti (free bus travel for women), and Yuva Nidhi (unemployment allowance for graduates/diploma holders) aim to empower families, especially women, and improve access to basic necessities, though they have increased state expenditure (over Rs 52,000 crore annually).

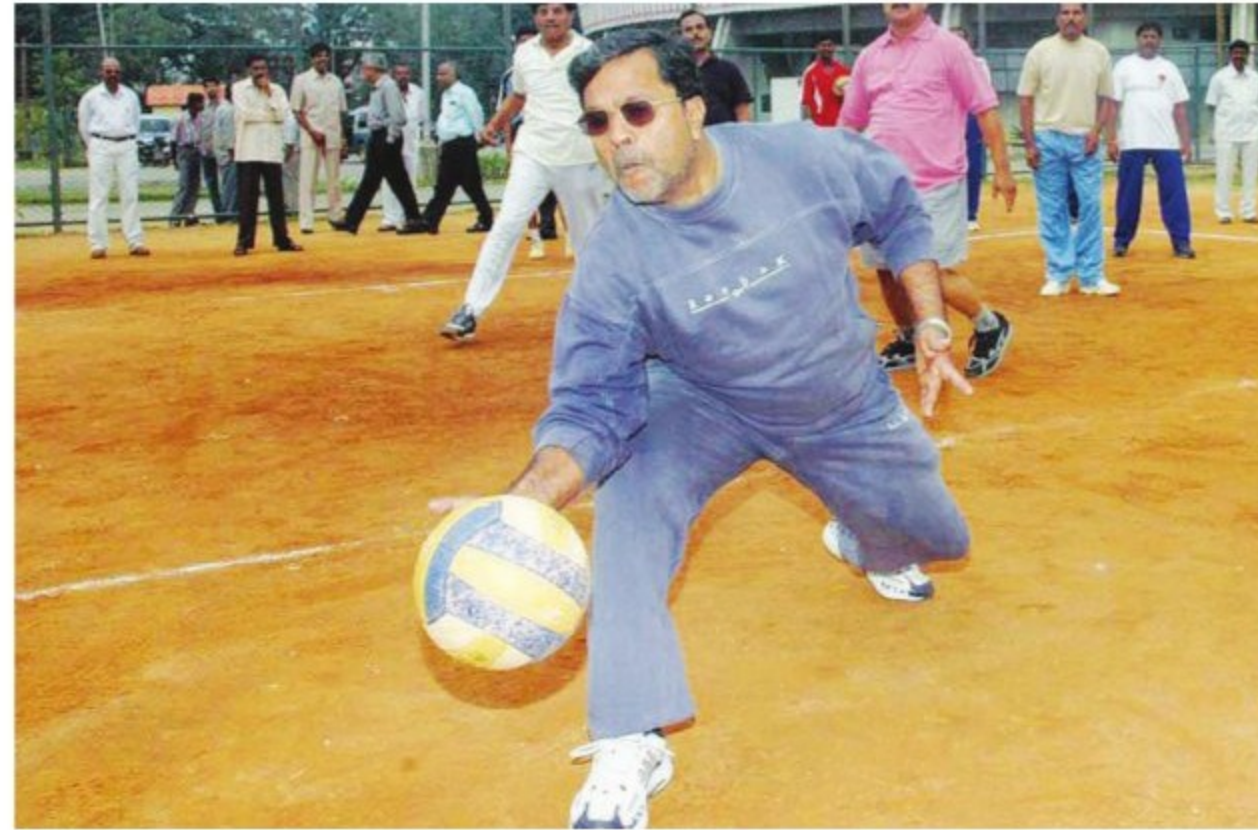
Siddaramaiah's budget for fiscal year 2025-26 was Rs 4.09 lakh crore, which marked the first time the state's budget



crossed the Rs 4 lakh crore mark. As an able administrator and finance minister, Siddaramaiah has maintained his government's fiscal discipline, adhering to the limits mandated by the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act (KFRA), 2002.

For 2025-26, the fiscal deficit

is estimated to be 2.95% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), which is within the 3% limit set by the KFRA. Total liabilities at the end of 2025-26 are projected to be 24.91% of GSDP, staying just below the 25% threshold mandated by the Act. His administration has



SIDDARAMAIAH'S STORY IS ONE OF HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE

- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's life is a testament to the power of determination and hard work. From herding cattle in his village, Siddaramanahundi, to becoming a two-time CM, his journey is truly inspiring.
- Born into a poor Kuruba family, Siddaramaiah's early life was marked by hardship. He dropped out of school but was later encouraged by teachers to continue his education.
- Siddaramaiah's entry into politics was inspired by Raitha Sangha leader, Prof. M D Nanjundaswamy. He won his first assembly election in 1983 and went on to become Finance Minister in 1994. His critics were silenced by his astute handling of the budget, and he's presented 16 budgets so far.
- Siddaramaiah's focus on welfare schemes has earned him the nickname 'Annaramaiah'. His initiatives, like Gruha Jyothi, Gruha Lakshmi, and Anna Bhagya, have benefited millions. He's also ensured fiscal discipline, keeping the fiscal deficit within the 3% limit.
- Siddaramaiah's ability to connect with the masses has made him a darling of the Congress high command. He's switched parties, held various positions, and still remains relevant. His Padayatra to Ballari in 2013 showcased his determination and mass appeal.

successfully balanced welfare initiatives and development programmes with requirements for fiscal responsibility.

Revenue expenditure of Rs 2,83,928 crore and Rs 81,937 crore for capital expenditure shows that development has also not been ignored amid welfare schemes. Besides, he had announced the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Programme (CIMDP) with an allocation of Rs 8,000 crore, and recently released Rs 50 crore to every assembly constituency.

Man with mass appeal turns darling of high command

In Karnataka, former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, a Vokkaliga, and former CM BS Yediyurappa proved their mettle as mass leaders with political acumen. But Siddaramaiah stands apart as he is not only a leader with mass appeal but one who has great persuasive skills to claim power and more importantly, retain it. He is the most successful political leader Karnataka has ever seen in recent times, as he has switched five parties, becoming DCM, twice LoP in the assembly and CM, and is still relevant as an invincible leader.

He emerged as AHINDA leader in 2005 with the backing of veteran leader RL Jalappa, organising a rally in Hubballi and antagonising Deve Gowda. But the padayatra from Bengaluru to Ballari against illegal mining and Gali Janardhana Reddy, ahead of the 2013 assembly polls, was impressive. The Congress high command recognised him as the only mass leader the party has in Karnataka, and obviously crowned him CM when the party came to power in 2013.

Even when the party came to power with a thumping majority of 136 seats in 2023, LoP in LS Rahul Gandhi chose Siddaramaiah as CM again, as the Congress party was looking to improve its prospects in the 2024 LS polls in Karnataka. Congress won 9 LS seats, including 5 seats in Hyderabad-Karnataka region, from where AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge hails. It is with similar logic that the Congress high command is calculating the impact of a change in leadership ahead of the 2028 assembly polls and 2029 LS elections, as Siddaramaiah remains invincible.



DAY'S DIARY

New discovery

On this day in 1610, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei discovered four moons orbiting the planet Jupiter, using a homemade telescope

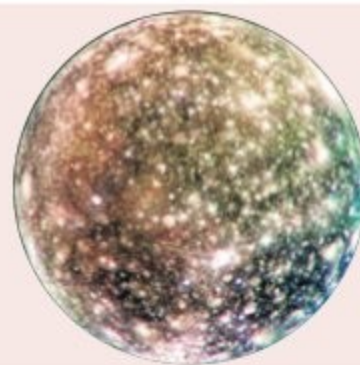
THE MOONS

The Galilean moons are the four largest moons of Jupiter: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. They were the first objects found to orbit another planet



RELEVANCE

This discovery provided evidence in support of the Copernican system and showed that everything did not revolve around the Earth



TRIVIA

Callisto is about 4.5 billion years old, about the same age as Jupiter. It is the most heavily cratered object in the solar system, according to NASA

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Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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- 1 St. Mary's Basilica, one of the oldest catholic churches in Bengaluru, had its beginning in the 17th century as a small thatched chapel known as 'Kaniakaimatha Chapel' built by the Tamil Christian migrants from Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu. The entire area where the church was located was known as 'Blackpally' during the Cantonment days. True or False?
- 2 Infant Jesus Church, also known as Rose Garden Church, was built amidst a beautiful rose garden in a village known as Somanahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru in 1971. What is the area today known as: Vasantha Nagar or Vivek Nagar?
- 3 St. Andrew's Church, designed by RC Dobbs and Major Sankey – built in Gothic style of architecture – was consecrated in 1866. Architecturally, the church has striking similarities with that of the main building of Central College. The clock tower with a height of over 90 feet was the tallest structure in the locality. Which prominent road in Bengaluru is the church located: Cubbon Road or Sankey Road?

CITY READ

International school in city to organise golf tournament



Canadian International School will host the 11th edition of its inter-school Junior Golf Tournament at Prestige Golfshire, Devanahalli,

bringing together student golfers from across India. The tournament is open to students aged 6 to 18 and will feature participants from various schools competing in multiple age-based categories. Categories A, B, C and D will follow an 18-hole stroke play format, while Category E will compete in a 9-hole stroke play format.



Bengaluru hosts national-level women's yogasana championship

The All-India Inter-University Women's Yogasana Championship 2025–26 was recently inaugurated at S-VYASA Deemed-to-be University, marking the start of a national-level sporting event organised under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities. The championship brought together over 2,500 women athletes from more than 230 universities across the country. Competitions are being held in traditional, artistic and rhythmic yogasana categories, in both team and individual formats. The inauguration was attended by academic leaders and public representatives, including MP Dr CN Manjunath, who served as the chief guest. The event will conclude on January 9 with a valedictory ceremony and award presentation.

Ota Tokyo 2026 will bring cosplayers, musicians and manga artists from Japan to the city for a day-long anime extravaganza



MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WITH *Naruto*, *Pokémon*, *Shin Chan*, *One Piece* and more on screens across India, Gen Z and millennials grew up on a steady diet of anime, loving these characters and discovering Japan, its culture and the exciting stories it had to offer. While a few comic book and anime conventions, meetups are already beloved in the city, Hiro Kawamoto, the founding director of Ota Tokyo 2026, wanted much more for Bengaluru's anime fans – a festival that matches the scale of what he grew up with in Japan. "In Japan, there are three steps to enjoy anime: watch it, experience it through merch shops, go to offline events or to the cin-

ema for an anime movie, then express it through cosplay and deepen the passion for anime. However, in India, most people just watch anime and very few get to experience or express their love for it." With this idea at the core, he has put together the mammoth cosplay festival, which is expected to bring together over 10,000 visitors at Palace Grounds, Gate no. 9, on January 10.

For cosplay lovers, the highlight will be a performance by cosplay duo Mioshi and Mamemayo, who won first place at the World Cosplay Summit in 2024 for their cosplay of Sasuke and Naruto. They will also judge a cosplay contest, with the duo winners getting to participate in the Pop Culture Hiroshima festival as Indian cosplay representatives and the solo winner receiving a ₹1 lakh cash prize. Curious visitors can also choose from the 130 costumes shipped over from Japan, with characters from *Demon Slayer*, *One Piece* and *Naruto* as options.

This won't just be a ramp walk like Bengalureans are used to, as Kawamoto explains. "It's kind of a live show where the characters perform famous scenes, including fight

sequences, trying to accurately recreate them."

Apart from these on-stage spectacles, visitors will be able to partake in interactive workshops and activities, including a manga drawing workshop by Kobayashi, currently working with Shogakukan, the publisher of *Doraemon*. Parents and children, too, can connect in a space set up for Beyblade competitions, with 12 Beyblade stadiums brought over from Japan.

"Doujin" or fan-created media of anime and manga getting a place to find its audience was also a major priority for organisers. "We want to enable fan creators – cosplayers, but also manga creators and animated content creators on social media platforms – to display their creativity in person," says Kawamoto.

It's not possible to talk about



Manga creator Kobayashi



Singer Diana Garnet



Cosplay duo Mioshi and Mamemayo

COS-SLAYING!



Music Extravaganza

Among several music acts, the headliner will be Diana Garnet, an American singer who voiced 'Spinning World', the ending theme song for the anime *Naruto: Shippuden*, which has crossed over 1 million views on YouTube.



Japan without mentioning the foods that have taken over Bengalureans' taste buds. Apart from a variety of food stalls serving mochi, matcha and more, a 'maid cafe' offers the genuine experience often seen in anime. "We're bringing an authentic Japanese street here to Bengaluru!," concludes Kawamoto.



The festival will feature a 'maid cafe'

For her uncannily beautiful stories of lives lived like fairy tales, Subi Taba, a writer and an agriculture development officer of Arunachal Pradesh, won the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman for Best Fiction. *Tales from the Dawn-lit Mountains* explores love, loss and resilience, and captures the moral universe of mountain communities negotiating change

STRANGER THINGS

PARAMITA GHOSH

IN Subi Taba's stories, bullets or the swing of a machete may kill a tiger but it will live again. The spirit of a dead animal can go looking for its hunter, turn him into a hunted beast, and get him killed by other men. The usual signs of a finish or calamity – a dead brother, a marriage ended with widowhood, a man's friendship with a python – are repeatedly tied in her work with ideas of mortality and immortality, death and its denial, idylls and their violation. In her endings are her beginnings, but she can flip it the other way around as well.

For her uncannily beautiful stories of lives lived like fairytales, Subi Taba, a poet and writer from Arunachal Pradesh, won the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman (RNGSS), 2025, for Best Fiction for *Tales from the Dawn-lit Mountains* (Penguin). The award included a cash prize of ₹1 lakh, a citation and a trophy. The RNGSS citation hailed her "capture of the moral universe of mountain communities negotiating change".

In Arunachal, the natural world is not benign or decorative, says Taba. "It watches you back. Forests, rivers, animals and spirits coexist with humans in ways that are not always comforting. Eeriness is also a way to approach trauma indirectly. Certain experiences – especially those shaped by violence, silence or isolation – cannot be addressed head-on," she says.

Gothic tenderness, violence

But in her prose, there has been no holding back. In her story, 'Love and Longing in Seijosa',

a young widow looks back on nights of passion in a house on a lake still as a funeral; nature seems to be in the know of what is to follow: The ghosts of the past crept into her dreams like a silent scuttling spider with beady eyes. She and her husband are newly married, alive and breathing together inside a boathouse floating on a small lake. It is nighttime...Below their bed, under the web of reeds and water hyacinths, the fish are eavesdropping on their conversations...

The second son, in another story, who turns belatedly into a headhunter to avenge his brother's death, a death he almost made sure by leaving him without guards, says with macabre self-awareness: "I lived my brother's life. I married my brother's wife, I inherited my brother's chieftainship, maybe I earned it, or maybe I stole his fate."

The art of ambiguity

The collection also shows Taba's use of one of the oldest tricks of a writer – the art of ambiguity – when commenting on troubled histories. In her story, 'A Man from China', she piques the reader's curiosity with the title, to pen a tale not about a man from China, but about one who strays into China by accident. In Tibet, Tade Ishneya gets married until circumstances force him to return. At some point in the story, he asks: "Does it matter which land I originally belong to and which I eventually fall in love with?"

"When I made him say these lines," says the writer, "it was my way of trying to experiment a bit with situations of how people can fall in love with other places and then from thereon have dis-

cussions about migration, of people loving and losing things in their life due to geography, a marked boundary. In Tibet, Tade desired to be a man.... Now, if I were to come and live in Chennai because I fell in love with the culture there, would it matter that I am from Arunachal Pradesh?"

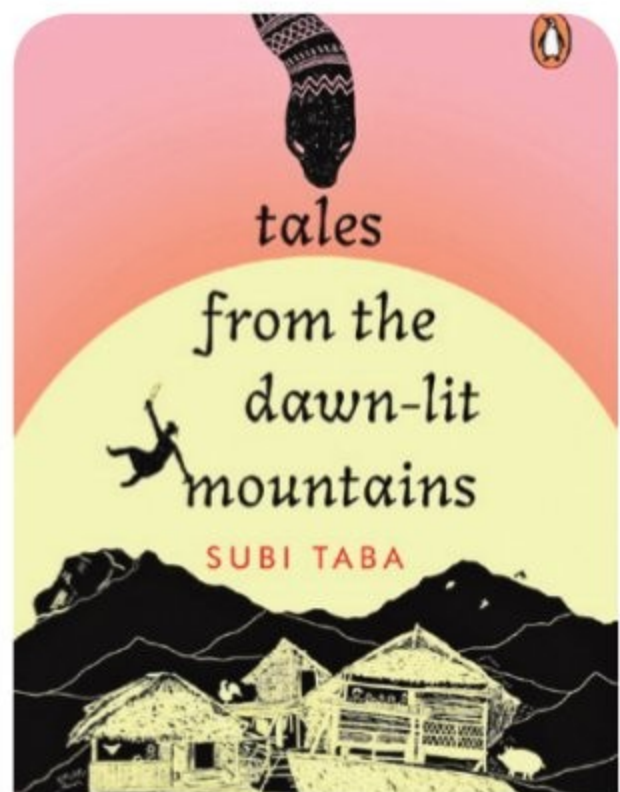
The collection also tucks in stories of other unresolved questions – the question of religion and 'modernity', and whether the Christian evangelising mission in the northeast was God-driven or an arm of colonialism, or both. Says Taba: "Christian missionaries, in many tribal areas, brought literacy, healthcare, and a language of dignity – but they also disrupted indigenous belief systems. Similarly, the headhunter [in her stories] is neither glorified nor condemned. He is rendered tragic because history has no place for him anymore."

The artwork

Tales from the Dawn-lit Mountains is also a window into the land of Arunachal's tribes, some of whom have been illustrated in the book by the artist Jompi Ete. Taba is from the Nyishi tribe. "We have limited written texts. Most of our myths and legends have been passed on through oral traditions. So, the main agents of our fables are either the village shaman, orator or village elders." Nyishis draw the idea of what is heroic, romantic or moral, from Ahotani, a mythical character with various stories of bravery and misadventures and who had conjugal relations with different entities of nature, including animals.

In Kafka's *The Metamorphosis*, a man wakes up as a giant beetle, a metaphor for his alienation and entrapment within family and society. But the man-animal relationship in Taba's book rotates around a different axis. The way she looks at animals and animality has some affinity with the modernist literary genre of marvellous realism in Latin America and other parts

of the post-colonial global south. "The man-animal relationship reflects my love and fascination for animals and imagining the world from their point of view. In our indigenous cosmologies, the boundary between humans and animals is fluid. Animals are friends, messengers, witnesses and part of the cultural life and language as well. My use of animality often gestures toward kinship. It asks: what happens when humans forget to take care of our animal brethren? What violence emerges from



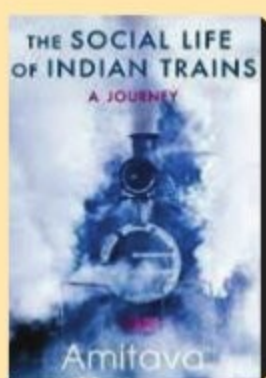
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Why write?

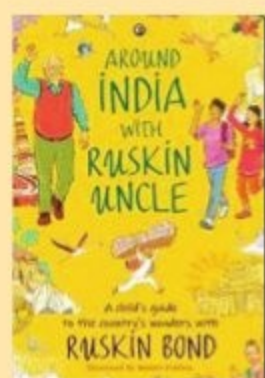
Taba was born in a small town named Seppa in East Kameng district. She grew up in a village named Pampoli, surrounded by mountains and Kameng, a fast turbulent river. When her family shifted to Doimukh, another small town near Itanagar, in Papum Pare district, her father took up a university job. She later moved to Nagaland to pursue her studies, earning a Masters of Science in Agriculture from SASRD, Nagaland University.

Taba was awarded the 100 Inspiring Authors of India Award 2018 for her poetry anthology *Dear Bohemian Man*. She also won the New Asian Writing Short Story Prize 2020. Being an agriculture development officer is her day job; she says she tries to write whenever she gets the time. "I find the act of world building the most interesting part of being a writer," she says. And what fascinating worlds they are, indeed.

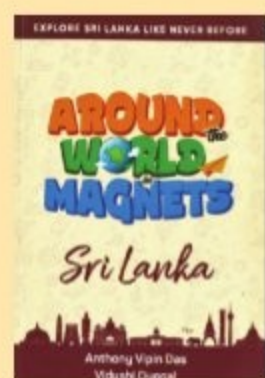
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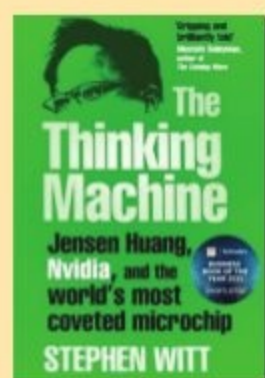
The Social Life of Indian Trains: A Journey
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The Thinking Machine
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It delivers the definitive chronicle of how Nvidia — a once-niche manufacturer of video game components — stunned Silicon Valley and reshaped the modern world.



DOLLED UP!

Dhaatu puppet installation curator Prakruti Hoskere shows off a puppet to chief guest, former IAS officer Chiranjiv Singh at Dhaatu International Puppet Festival 2026, held at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Vasanth Nagar | **KEVIN NASHOM**

QUICKFIX

DOUBLE BEANS IN COCONUT GRAVY

INGREDIENTS

- **Double beans:** 200-250g
- **Fresh coconut:** ½ cup, grated
- **Salt:** To taste
- **Whole red chilli:** 2-3 (as per taste)
- **Coconut oil:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Peel the beans and pressure cook them (3-4 whistles).
- Grind grated coconut with red chillies, pepper, and a little water into a smooth paste. Set this aside.
- Let the double beans simmer once pressure cooked.
- Add coconut paste and salt as per preference. Add water for desired consistency.
- Simmer gently for 5-7 minutes. Add a teaspoon of coconut oil and turn off the heat.



Contributed by **Annapoorna**, Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE



Jurassic Walk

Wander into a prehistoric world where towering, life-sized dinosaurs move, roar and come alive around you. This short immersive walk features animatronic creatures, interactive zones and photo spots, making it an easy, engaging experience for kids and families.

WHEN: January 7, 12pm onwards
WHERE: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Goals Alert!

Step into a calm, creative session designed to help you map out your goals for the year ahead. With guided prompts and hands-on crafting, this workshop offers a thoughtful way to reflect, visualise and set intentions.

WHEN: January 7, 12pm onwards
WHERE: Know How, Jayanagar
DETAILS: district.in



Game Night

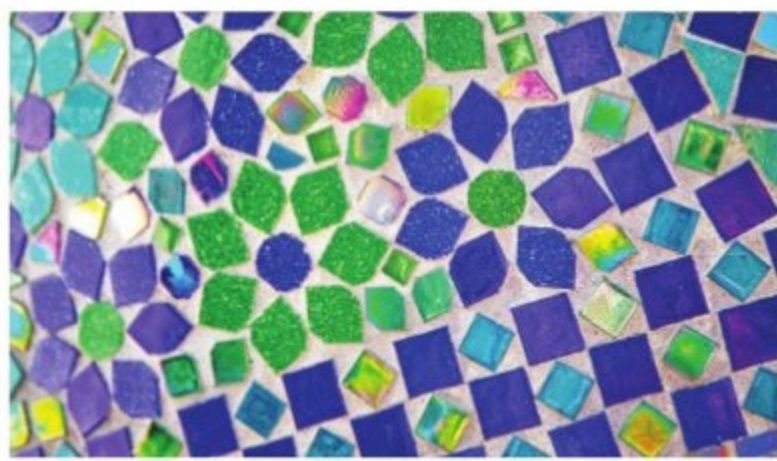
Enjoy easy games, light competition and relaxed conversation over classic and quirky board games. Come solo or with friends and settle in for an easygoing midweek evening.

WHEN: January 7, 7pm
WHERE: The Spice Studio, Brookefield
DETAILS: district.in

Fresh Jokes

Immerse yourself in a rotating line-up of English and Hindi comics that take the stage with fresh material. Expect a mix of new voices and experienced performers testing jokes in a relaxed, late-evening set.

WHEN: January 7, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
CALL: 70191 15511



Mirror Play

Spend an easy evening piecing together colour, light and reflection at this hands-on mosaic mirror workshop. Using small mirror tiles and bright accents, participants can create a patterned piece to take home.

WHEN: January 11, 2pm
WHERE: Big Bean Cafe, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Divas Only

Let go of the midweek blues at this Bollywood night with DJ Oppozit and DJ Sandy. The event titled Gen Z Diva Wednesdays promises to ease you into the week with familiar tracks and relaxed late-evening energy.

WHEN: January 7, 8pm onwards
WHERE: Vapour, Indiranagar
CALL: 99000 99721



Form & Feeling

Take part in this exhibition led by artists Jeetendra Kumar and Poonam Singh which brings together abstraction and sculpture in a shared visual dialogue. The show explores movement, emotion and spirituality through art works that reflect themes of time, nature and inner balance.

WHEN: January 7, 11am onwards
WHERE: MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road
DETAILS: manjushreekhatanfoundation.org

NOWSTREAMING FITBIT

REGIONAL

KUMKI 2 (Tamil)

A boy named Bhumi, living with abusive parents, befriends an elephant calf named Nila. As they grow up, their story shifts to a darker tone while exploring human-nature bonds in 1980s India.

Cast: Arjun Das, Shrita Rao, RJ Balaji
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



SISTER MIDNIGHT (Hindi)

In Mumbai, an arranged marriage spirals into darkness as the spineless husband watches his wife morph into a ruthless, feral force within their marital confines.

Cast: Radhika Apte, Ashok Pathak, Chhaya Kadam
Watch on: JioHotstar

FOREIGN

A NICE INDIAN BOY (English)

Cultures collide when an introverted doctor brings his white boyfriend home to meet his traditional Indian family.

Cast: Jonathan Groff, Karan Soni, Zarna Garg
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



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SOLITARY STOIC

Kerala-based artist Mahesh R's painting of a lone rhinoceros captures its strength as well as vulnerability



Easy, Accessible Resolutions for 2026

HRIDAY RANJAN
 Urban Bourbon

(Writer, comedian)

THE debauchery of New Year plans is behind us. We have all looked at our bank accounts and winced. 2025 personally wasn't a spectacular year for me. My mental health hit a slump, akin to Kohli's batting form in 2021. I failed spectacularly in my attempt to quit smoking, and now am hoping the government levies a 4,000% hike in cigarette prices as my last resort. It's only been a week into 2026, and things are already looking bleak. Uncle Sam has attacked another small country to deliver their style of swift, military justice. China is on the brink of a conflict with Taiwan, and Russia continues to pepper Ukraine with missiles. My point is, 2026 is not going to be a particularly shiny year in history.

In such circumstances, it is important to keep one's sanity intact. The world around us is engineered to elicit reactions and trigger emotions. There are actual scientists typing mysterious codes into their computers to keep us on the edge so we can be sold onion hair oil and home decor on Instagram. Every year, I suggest easy, accessible New Year resolutions for readers through this column. This year, I have decided to let go of the word 'resolution'. Using the word makes one feel like Bheeshma Pitamah taking a terrible vow. Let's call them New Year suggestions instead.

Firstly, skip resolutions related to fitness. They're almost a cliché now. And the truth is, no matter how disciplined you are, it's hard to compete with a well-oiled capitalist machine. So delete food delivery apps instead. Not only are the prices three times the price at the ac-

tual restaurant, you have to go through the anxiety of tracking a tiny scooter on the app. Avoid targets that can be quantified. Base your targets purely on vibes. Normalise blocking people. Last year, I found someone's posts extremely triggering on Instagram. Only to realise that it was a stranger I'd been following since 2017. You're not going to meet 90 per cent of the people on social media ever again in your life.

Avoid house parties. Use ChatGPT to conjure up award-winning declinations to party invitations. House parties began as a great idea. But today, I feel more comfortable in a club than making polite conversation while waiting for the food to be served. Do not get your news from social media. Subscribe to a newspaper instead. Newspapers do not have a comments section, and are much better for your sanity. Invest in a pair of good earphones and make a playlist of your favourite childhood songs. Quit sugar for a bit, and be kinder to people who play pickleball. Read a book a month, and don't tell anybody about it. Take walks in the evening, and try to talk to strangers. (But if they offer you Frooti, run!).

In a calendar year, you'll find at least 10 days when your mental state will be tottering at a 2/10. Recognise these days early, switch off your phone and laze in bed all day. We often overestimate our importance in organisations and structures. But even Trump spent 88 days in the previous year on his golf course. That's nearly a quarter of the year for the supposed leader of the free world. The secret to having a good year is to not take it all too seriously. And before you know it, things will begin to look brighter. 2025 was a dismal year, but Arnab Goswami has begun to question the government on its actions, so maybe the world is healing after all. Have a terrific 2026!

(The writer's views are personal)



VINITA SIDHARTHA

The writer is an author and the founder of Kreed, an organisation reviving traditional games

I took a trip through the temples of Salem and Namakkal, documenting games etched on the floors, while friends watched amused. They had a question: If I already knew about a game, why did I photograph every appearance? The answer: Most traditional games belong to the oral tradi-

A CLUE TO HISTORY

tion, little evidence about their presence or popularity exists, as they were often drawn on sand or with chalk. Over decades, I've seen patterns emerge, not unlike the Pensieve in *Harry Potter*. For e.g., multiple boards of the same game in a temple gives clues to its popularity.

A game without local presence could indicate migrant craftsmen. Patterns repeated in numerous temples could be clues to forgotten ones. Sometimes,

games can provide deeper insights. While most are executed with lines, I saw an interesting style in Hoysala temples, executed by a series of cup marks – depressions indicating where to place pieces. Imagine my surprise when I saw a game etched with cup marks at the Tharamangalam temple.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of this temple's epigraphs is their Hoysala inscriptions. Two records (dated

1254 CE and 1279 CE) cite 'Posala Mannan Veera Ramanatha Devar' – referring to Vira Ramanatha, a Hoysala prince-turned-king, providing evidence of their incursion into the Tamil country. Vira Ramanatha's father, Vira Someshwara, split the empire between Ramanatha and his brother Narasimha III. Ramanatha's dominion included the Tamil territories.

Essentially, from the 1250s to 1290s, there was a Hoysala presence in Tamil Nadu, in rivalry with the Pandyas. Records note that Ramanatha's

inscriptions (1257-1294 CE) are all in Tamil and found across his Tamil territory. Even though he was a Kannada monarch, the records in Tharamangalam are in Tamil to address the local population. The use of the term 'Posala' (Tamil for Hoysala) in the inscription underlines that identity.

While it was documented history, one humble etching by a player hundreds of years ago gave us a clue to the history of the region. Such is the power of games.

(The writer's views are personal)

Sumaa Tekur's new book *Goodbye, I Love(d) You* is a heartfelt guide through healing from all kinds of relationships through storytelling guided by spirituality

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

A common adage told to anyone going through emotional upheaval, a breakup, a fallout with parents or even the death of a loved one, is 'time heals all wounds'.

This approach to healing is something Sumaa Tekur, in her book *Goodbye, I Love(d) You* (Hay House Publishers India, ₹450), disagrees with, as she writes, "Anyone who has experienced heartbreak knows that pain lingers. It settles in the body, mind and small spaces of our lives. The truth is: Healing is not just something that happens to us; it is something we participate in." This philosophy is at the core of her book, which intends to soothe, strengthen and equip readers with the spiritual tools to take charge of their healing and nurse their hearts, hurt from relationships of all kinds.

For this, Tekur draws from the medium that has healed hearts since humanity learnt to communicate: storytelling. She often draws from Indian mythology, connecting Nala and Damayanti's separation and reunion to Luv and Kush releasing the pain of a father's abandonment, into moments readers can hold on to. "We talk about ghosting, breadcrumbing and benching like they are new, but if you look at mythology, these things have always existed. Nala and Damayanti fell in love by sending messages through swans and got married. But when Nala lost his kingdom and they were living in the forest, he was consumed by guilt and left her in the middle of

A HEALING ELIXIR

the night. They got back together, but only after each one had gone through a spiritual journey," she explains, adding, "I felt it was important to tell these stories as a reminder that everything we go through in relationships – loneliness and despair – has always existed and we are not alone in this."

Tekur's chapters also weave in psychology to make sense of things. For her, the two are intertwined. "I've begun to understand that all these philosophies intersect beautifully. There are physical and mental layers and if you go deeper, there's an energetic layer with



GOODBYE, I LOVE(D) YOU!

Timeless Indian Wisdom for Moving Past Heartbreak, Estrangement, and Quiet Grief

SUMAA TEKUR

modalities in spirituality which teach us how to manage pain. Then, an even deeper layer of cosmic and karmic connections. This book is an attempt at connecting the dots as simply as possible," she explains.

While romantic heartbreak is a major part of the book, it is not the sole focus. Much of Tekur's guidance – from acknowledging the need to heal, to how to leave a relationship, the pitfalls of waiting for someone to change and simple rituals for letting go – apply for 'every type of relationship, be it with friends, colleagues and neighbours,' she says.

If there's anything she hopes readers take away from the book, it's that the power is in their hands. "Each of us reaches a point of reflection in relationships and has a choice: go deeper and use it to grow or just distract ourselves and postpone the problem. I hope this book gives readers the courage to sit with their feelings in the most honest way possible."



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CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
 We, 1, MITHUN SG, Son of Gurulingaraya B.S., aged about 36 years (Aadhar No.9558 5833 507) and 2) POOJA G KOPPA wife of Mithun S G aged about 32 years (Aadhar No.3961 8305 1789) residing at No.792, 2nd E Cross, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Near Nataraja Kalyana Mantapa, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079. We state that, as per the astrology we have renamed the name of our child as "VEER P M" instead of "RAAG P M" before the Advocate and Notary Shri. K.V BACHI REDDY.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, TARUN JAIN, aged about 40 years, S/o. Suresh Kumar .B, No. 43, New No. 375, 9th J Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from TARUN KUMAR S (TARUN KUMAR SURESH KUMAR) to TARUN JAIN, vide affidavit dated 06.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, VARNA aged about 41 years, (D.O.B: 11.02.1984), Wife of PREM PAL, presently residing at # 771, 4th Cross, 11th Block, Nagarabhatti 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 072, have changed my name from VARNASHREE.M.R to VARNA, vide affidavit dated 5/1/2026 sworn to before P N Nagesha Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Shivaraj, S/o Sri. Mariyappa, aged about 38 years, residing at No.99, Kothnuru Main Road, Nrupatungaganagara, Kothnur Dinne, Kalena Agrahara, Kothnur, Bengaluru - 560076, have changed my minor son's name from "TIPA REDDY" to "TIPPA REDDY", vide affidavit dated 31/12/2025 sworn to before B Hanumantharaya Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, the undersigned HAMSA .R, w/o Ramesh .M, aged about 37 years, House wife and Presently R/at Chinnakamanahalli Village, Thoppannahalli Post Bangarpet taluk, kokar district Karnataka pin 563129, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from AMSA .V to HAMSA R henceforth I shall be known and called as HAMSA R for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06th Jan.2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary SRINATHA .D.R at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, GEORGE MATHEW, S/o Mathew Mullamparampil Chacko, R/o No. 14, Sri Rajarajeshwari Nilaya, G02, Ground Floor, Nagraj layout, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from GEORGE MATHEW THADATHIL to GEORGE MATHEW, henceforth I shall be known and called as GEORGE MATHEW for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary M. JAGANNATHA at Malur, Kolar.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, PADMAASHRI B KARPAKUL, aged about 37 years, D/o. K.V. Babu, residing at No. 2, Pappiah Street, Near Lalbagh, Mavalli, Bangalore-560004, do hereby declare that both the names PADMAASHRI B KARPAKUL and PADMAASHRI KARPAKUL BABU belongs to one and the same person i.e. to me only, vide affidavit dated 06.01.2026, sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 We, NANDAPPA (Father) And NINGAMMA (Mother) residing at No. 36, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Shamanna Compound, Nayandahalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560 039, have changed our minor Son's name from MUTTURAJ to MALAPPA vide affidavit dated: 6/1/2026 Before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore.

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 I, Afroz Saheel Ahmed Kunhibhavi W/o Saheel Ahmed Kunhibhavi, a citizen of India, Age about 39 years, I am the mother of AQSA KUNNIBHAVI, who is born to us and residing at Pwd Judicial quarters, Yadgir, Yadgir station, Yadgir, Karnataka - India - 585202, Present address at No. 32A-301, Judicial Block, NGV Koramangala, Bangalore-560047, have changed my minor daughter's name from AQSA SAHEEL AHMED KUNNIBHAVI to AQSA KUNNIBHAVI, vide affidavit dated 7/1/2026 sworn to before G Dayananda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, PREMA RAJAN, W/o. No. 14550225-X, late Ex-Nk Rajan K, resident of #17,16th Cross, Near Adarsh Theatre, Lakshimpuram, Halasuru, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru 560008, have changed my name from G PREMA to PREMA RAJAN vide Affidavit Dated: 05/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, KISHORE KUMAR .N. S/o Narendra Kumar, age 41 years, R/at No. 102, Brigade Road, Opp. Catholic Club, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore-560 025 do hereby declare that in my son K PRATHAM JAIN birth certificate my name (father name) is recorded as N KISHORE KUMAR instead of correct name KISHORE KUMAR N and mother name is recorded as K MAMATHA instead of correct name MAMATHA .B, vide affidavit dated 5th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary K. VENKATESHAN at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SAMEENA BEGUM IYUB KHAN Daughter of SATTARKHAN AMER KHAN Wife of Late IYUB KHAN Resident of No.3, 4th Main Road, Banerghatta Road, New Gurupannapalya, Bangalore South, PO: Dharmaram College, Bengaluru - 560029 Have Changed my Name to SAMEENA BEGUM SATTARKHAN AMER KHAN vide affidavit dated: 01.01.2026 Sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain. K. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, C Hasmukh Gotawat alias C. Hasmukhlal, S/o. M Chain Raj, aged about 49 years, presently residing at No.6/1, Tara Kunj, Ratna Vilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004, do hereby declare and confirm that the names C Hasmukh Gotawat and C Hasmukhlal refers to me only. I have sworn to an affidavit on 05.01.2026 before the Notary, Government of India, Sri. A. PRABHAKAR, Reg.No. 7135.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, LOKESH K, Residing at Kalegowdana Doddi Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Bengaluru South District-562112 have changed my name as K G LOKESH, vide affidavit dated 03.01.2026 before Notary Ramachandra, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Smt. SHOBHA KRISHNE URS, W/o D. Krishna Urs, age 74 years, R/at No. 1095, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 098 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. SHOBHA RAMARAJE URS and SHOBHA KRISHNE URS are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 3rd January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary P ANURADHA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, MUHAMMED FASIH KHALIQ, resident of No. 60, Mackan Road, Near Corporation Girls School Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore - 560011, have changed my name from MOHAMMED FASI K to MUHAMMED FASIH KHALIQ, vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn to before G Dayananda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, the undersigned MARIAM AZEEZUDDIN HANEEN, D/o Mr. F.M Azeezuddin and Occupation PhD research Scholar, R/at No.42, United Melrose Apartments, 9th A Main road, 4th main, 4th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, near naveen clinic, Dharamaram college, bangalore-560029, declare that I have changed my name from MARIAM AZEEZUDDIN HANEEN henceforth I shall be known and called as MARIAM AZEEZUDDIN HANEEN for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30-12-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary RAVI at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Mr. Rajiv Samsher Saxena, S/o. Mr. Shamsheer Bahadur Saxena, residing at Villa No. 249/2, Laughing Waters, Varthur Road, Ramagondanahalli, Bengaluru - 560066, do hereby declare that my name, earlier spelled as "RAJIV SAMSHER SAXENA", shall henceforth be correctly read, written, and recorded as "RAJIV SHAMSHER SAXENA" for all purposes. Both the names refer to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary Prakasha .C, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, RIMITA DEY CHINNANAMI, aged about 27 years, W/o. M.V Chinnamani, No. 283/8, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Rama Temple Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560021, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RIMITA DEY to RIMITA DEY CHINNANAMI, vide affidavit dated 03.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I Sathish G.G S/o Late Govindaraju aged about 49 Years R/at No 139 Gulakamale Village, Tharaluru Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk - 560082, have changed my name from SATHEESHA to SATHISH G G, vide affidavit dated 2/1/2026 sworn to before Chethana S V Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SADIK PASHA, S/o.Abdul Razaq, aged about 40 years, residing at No.E404-129, 3rd Cross, Cauvery Nagar, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru - 560070, I declare that at the time of admission of my son MOHAMMED SHAHID my named i.e father name entered as SADIQ PASHA. Here spelling mistake arose, the correct father name is SADIK PASHA, vide affidavit dated 6/1/2026 sworn to before Prakash C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, No.JC-140768M, Ex-Sub Maj Prakash Pattar, resident of #20 5th Cross Road, Defence Colony, Bagala Gunte, Nagasandra, Bengaluru 560073 have changedthe name of my spouse from SUGUNA to SUGUNA PRAKASH vide Affidavit Dated: 05/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, the undersigned VISHAL JAIN, S/o Uttam chand, aged about 41 years, r/at No.36,(old No.33), 15th main road, MC layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040, declare that I have changed my name from VISHAL UTTAMCHAND to VISHAL JAIN henceforth I shall be known and called as VISHAL JAIN for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.I. BALAGURU at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, MUNISWAMY residing at #114 KRISHNAPPA BUILDING, SAMUDAYA BHAVANA, CHANNASANDRA KODUGODI, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA, 560067 have changed my name from KRISHNAPPA MUNISWAMY to MUNISWAMY vide affidavit dated 06/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary Devaraja E, Bangalore

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 Sudha P Viscam
 Happy 80th Birthday.
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CHANGE OF NAME
 I, SATHANURU CHIKKANNA MANJULA, W/o J.Vasu, aged about 57 years, R/at No.31, 2nd Main, Kathriguppa East, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085, Karnataka, have changed my name to MANJULA VASU vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary T. Mallikarjuna, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
 I, Deep Ashokkumar Harsora Residing at D.No. K-004, Keerthi Harmony, T.C. Palya Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016. I declare that I have changed my name from DEEP ASHOKKUMAR HARSORA to DEEP ASHOK HARSORA vide affidavit dated: 01.01.2026, Sworn before Notary by Advocate Y.R.Chandrasekhar, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
 I, CHINNAM MURALI KRISHNA, aged about 62 years, is Mother of Service No.15333711L, Rank: HAV Name: RAJEEV CH Unit: 404 Fd, COY, 9 Rapid Engr Regt, resident of House: Gumparapadu S O, Zammavaram, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh 524234 have changed my name from MURALIKRISHNA CH to CHINNAM MURALI KRISHNA, and my correct date of birth is 10/05/1964 but it mentioned as 01/07/1964 in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated: 05-01-2026 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru.

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 I, CHINNAM YESUBABU, aged about 67 years, is Father of Service No. 15333711L, Rank: HAV Name: RAJEEV CH Unit: 404 Fd, COY, 9 Rapid Engr Regt, resident of House: Gumparapadu S O, Zammavaram, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh 524234 have changed my name from YESU BABU to CHINNAM YESUBABU, and my correct date of birth is 20/06/1959 but it mentioned as 01/07/1959 in my son service documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated: 05-01-2026 sworn before advocate and notary N. Thulasi, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME
 I, PAVITHRA BAI GAJARAJA SINGH, C/o Prasad Singh A, Resident at No.26, Jayanna Layout Pattanagere, Opposite Jayanna Farm House, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Post VTC, Bangalore South District, Bangalore -560098. Have Changed my Name PAVITHRA BAI GAJARAJA SINGH to PAVITHRA BAI vide affidavit Dated: 06.01.2026 before Notary K.V. Prema Kumari, Bangalore.

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 I, SMITHA, W/o. Mallikarjunayya, residing at Nagavanda, Haveri 581210, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to SUNITA MALLIKARJUNSWAMI HIREMATH vide Affidavit Dated: 05/01/2026 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

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 I, PREMAMMA w/o late Naganna aged 82 years residing at No 546 Sathiyas Nivas, 9th cross, 7th Block (west) Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560078 do hereby declare that both the names i.e PREMAMMA and PREMAMBA are one and the same and refers to me only. Henceforth, I shall be known and called as PREMAMMA alias PREMAMBA for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05.01.2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary AMBRESHAPPA (GOI) at Bengaluru.

Namma Metro turns into celebration mode for Yash

CE FEATURES

ROCKING Star Yash's 40th birthday on January 8 has taken on a unique form in Bengaluru's public space. In a first, Namma Metro trains have been wrapped with birthday wishes for the actor, turning the city's transit system into a moving tribute. This initiative, led by Yash's close friends and fans, has quietly captured the attention of commuters across metro corridors, surprising them during their daily commute.

Instead of a typical fan celebration, the metro branding stands out for its subtlety. As trains move through the city, the visuals blend into Bengaluru's daily life, reflecting Yash's consistent cultural presence rather than a fleeting moment. The gesture has sparked conversations, mainly for its novelty and restraint.

The timing also lines up with the growing interest in Yash's upcoming film *Toxic*, which is slated to release on March 19, made in Kannada and English and dubbed and released in multiple languages. Yash is also involved in the ambitious *Ramayana* project as both actor and co-producer, in which he will be seen alongside Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi.

Yash

A SHARADHAA

AISHANI Shetty, known for her performances in films like *Vastu Prakara*, *Nam Ganai B'Com Pass*, and *Ondisi Bareyari*, among others, is now stepping into a new role, behind the camera. The actor, who has long spoken about her desire to direct, has officially confirmed her directorial debut with a film titled *Kaajana*.

She began exploring direction through short films, including one titled *Kaaji*, and that experience only strengthened her resolve to delve deeper into filmmaking. With *Kaajana*, Aishani is directing her first feature-length project, which she has also written. The title, she explains, is metaphorical and closely tied to the female protagonist. "*Kaajana* reflects the inner world of the girl at the centre of the story," she says. The film is described as a family drama, with Aishani herself playing the lead role. "It's a rooted story, and we wanted the setting to feel authentic. The entire film will be shot in villages around Mangaluru." The team is currently finalising the rest of the cast, with shooting expected to begin soon.

Kaajana will be produced under Aishani's home banner, Shakunthale Cinemas. The technical crew includes cinematographer Vishwajith Rao,

Aishani Shetty to make directorial debut with *Kaajana*

The actor says she's enjoying juggling multiple roles in the film, as writer, director, and protagonist



known for his work in *Shakkahaari*, while Poornachandra Tejaswi will be composing the music. "I am excited to take multiple responsibilities for this film, and feel fortunate to collaborate with a team that understands the tone and emotional fabric of the film," Aishani adds.



I admire Rukmini Vasanth's intelligence: Geetu Mohandas

CE FEATURES

YASH'S *Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups* continues to take shape as a dark, layered action drama, growing more intense with every new reveal. The latest addition to the film's unfolding narrative is Rukmini Vasanth, introduced as Mellisa—a character marked by composure, authority, and quiet resolve.

This marks Rukmini's first collaboration with Yash, under the direction of Geetu Mohandas. The film places her as the primary Kannada heroine in a diverse ensemble that also includes Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, and Tara Sutaria. Known for performances rooted in intelligence and emotional depth, Rukmini's role fits naturally into Geetu's restrained, atmosphere-driven storytelling, as well as Yash's larger vision to surpass linguistic boundaries.

Rukmini Vasanth



Mayasabha gets new release date

CE FEATURES

TUMBBAD (2018) director Rahi Anil Barve's *Mayasabha*, featuring Jaaved Jaaferi in the lead role, now has a new release date. The film, which was earlier slated to premiere on January 16, will now hit theatres on January 30. Before its theatrical release, *Mayasabha* is set to be screened at various film festivals. The film is scheduled to be screened at the Third Asian Film Festival, with a screening scheduled on January 11. This will be followed by its screening at the Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) 2026 on January 17.

NAMRATA JOSHI

CHRISTOFFER Boe's *Special Unit: The First Murder* is the origin story of what a newspaper headline within the film refers to as the "Danish FBI". It chronicles the earliest case cracked by Denmark's most famous team of cops back in 1927.

A spurt in the number of arson incidents in the country leads to the formation of the Police National Mobile Investigative Unit, with the aid and support of the insurance companies, reeling under the many claims piling up, a bunch of them also false and exploitative. Police officer Otto Himelstrup (Alex Høgh Andersen) travels to Esbjerg in Jutland peninsula—described as the Chicago of Jutland—with his trusted colleague Per "PR" Reinholdtsen (Nicolaj Kopernikus) and his boss's secretary-turned detective Camilla Holdt (Mathilde Arcel) to handle one such case of the mayor's burnt down lodge. Things get complicated as a charred corpse and an axe, the possible murder weapon, are found at the site of crime. One body leads to another, twists and turns follow as things become more and more complicated

My role in *Parasakthi* is short but impactful: Dhananjaya

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Dhananjaya, an established face in South Indian languages, has quietly become part of the upcoming Tamil film, *Parasakthi*, directed by Sudha Kongara and headlined by Sivakarthikeyan in his landmark 25th outing. The film is also a significant milestone for composer GV Prakash Kumar, his 100th project. Produced by Aakash Baskaran, the period drama is set in 1965 and features an expansive ensemble including Sreeleela, Ravi Mohan, and Atharvaa Murali.

Parasakthi is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on January 10. Expectations are soaring, not merely due to its scale and star power, but also because of Sudha Kongara's reputation for grounded yet emotionally stirring storytelling. While Sreeleela's casting had already generated interest in Karnataka, the surprise inclusion of Dhananjaya has further fuelled curi-

The actor expressed gratitude to Sudha Kongara for offering him the part

Dhananjaya

osity. Interestingly, the actor's association with the film was kept firmly under wraps, with no official announcement or a glimpse. It was only at the film's audio launch that Dhananjaya was spotted alongside the core team, confirming his presence in the project. Details about his character remain undisclosed, though it is known that he appears in a brief role.

Expressing gratitude to Sudha Kongara for offering him the part, the actor says, "It is a friendly appearance. Director Sudha told me she had a friendly role for me in her film, and I went and shot for it." Emphasising his character's runtime in the film, the actor adds, "The role is short, but it comes at the right moment and is sure to make an impact."

The actor shared his excitement about working with Sivakarthikeyan, calling him "someone who came without a godfather in the film industry and built his own path." On the work front, Dhananjaya remains busy balancing acting and production, with Shankar Guru's *Anna From Mexico* nearing completion, Hemant M Rao's *666 Operation Dream Theatre* underway, and upcoming projects including *Jingo* and *Halagali*.

NORDIC NOIR

Film: *Special Unit: The First Murder*

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

and befuddling.

The Denmark-Poland co-production, after having a successful run on home ground, will be showcased in the Limelight section of the forthcoming International Film Festival of Rotterdam this month end. The screenplay by Boe and Lasse Kyeed Rasmussen, based on Jacob Jonia book *Den yderste grænse*, maps out the plot like moves in a board game, one false lead taking the cops on to

another with the web of crime getting more and more intricate till all the pieces of the puzzle get assembled and the real culprit stands exposed.

Boe gives a period edge, a heightened visual sense and a unique calculated design and stylization to the conventions of the Scandinavian crime genre in the whodunnit set almost a century ago. The sense of the past isn't just evoked through the production design (Nikolaj

Danielsen, Agata Trojak), art direction (Tomasz Sokolski), sets (Urszula Korwin-Kochanowska) or costumes (Malgosia Fudala) but also lies in tiny details like how the science of forensics, procedures like autopsy were taking off in the 20s. And also the assertion of feminism with Camilla telling her colleagues, "women are like tea bags, you don't know how strong they are till they are in hot waters", and then going on to prove it herself.

Like a typical Nordic noir, cinematographer Lasse Frank's dimly lit, dark frames and the bleak landscape are accentuated by an ominous, grim and sombre score by Jon Ekstrand and sound design by Morten Green and Oskar Skriver.

Otto himself is in character as an angry Scandinavian detective with a dark side. Brooding and ridden with a guilt from the past. Married to his job, lacking social skills and refusing to learn to play the game with the powers that be. He is anything but happy with Andersen playing him with an appropriate glacial anguish. "Not everyone gets to be happy", is his logic with PR berating him for not even trying to take a shot at it.

It's a fairly engaging, if pre-

dictable, mainstream crime film but also brings in a touch of social realism of Scandinavian crime thrillers in its explanation, for instance, of the economic significance of the port town of Esbjerg where the motto is to "keep things moving". Or in its portrayal of the symbiotic relationship between cops and crime journalists and most so in the presentation of the internal jealousy and rivalry within the police force, specially the threat perception felt by the inept and corrupt local cops towards the Special Unit.

Crime also becomes a mode to offer class commentary with Boe underlining how the idea of punishment and redemption doesn't necessarily apply to the decadent elite and how the privileged don't quite have to pay for their crimes. As a cop in the film points out, they are allowed to follow the leads in a case only till they take them to the famous and the powerful, which is when it's time to halt the investigation.

Eventually the film is all about the morality of love and relationships (think of Denis Villeneuve's *Incendies*). What is acceptable and what is forbidden; what is true love and what is transgression and the thin line between the two.